WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. senate has given final congressional approval to a bill resuming U.S. aid to Palestinians through Dec. 31. Senate detays in approving the legislation led to a temporary cessation of activities at the Palestine Liberation Organisation's (PLO) Washington office last week. Approval by voice vote sent the hilt to President Bill Clinton. New legislation would be required for a further extension into next year. Aid to the Palesthnians enjoys bipartisan support. But Senate majority leader Boh Dole and Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms allowed the old authorisation to expire in a dispute with the Clinton administration over reorganising the state Department and other agencies that handle foreign issues. The State Department had complained that the Senate Republicans tactics of Mr. Dole and Mr. Helms amounted to holding the Middle East peace process hostage to a flap over reducing the foreign affairs bureaucracy. The United State is committed to providing \$500 million in assistance to the Palestinians over five years. The administration considers the aid to be a critical element of the Middle East peace negotiations.

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CAIRO (AFP) - The European Union (EU) is refusing to budge on its refusal to allow Libya to take part in the European-Mediterranean conference in Barcelona later this month, an Egyptian official said Friday after a visit to Paris. "The European Union is insisting that countries taking part in the meeting have cooperation links with it. Libya has no such ties," Rauf Ghoneim, foreign ministry official for European affairs, told journalists here.

Bahraini opposition apologises to emir

MANAMA (R) — Bahraini newspapers said on Friday five opposition leaders had apologised to Emir Sheikh Isa Ben Salman Al Khalifa over their anti-government protests. "We express our deep regret with regard to our behaviour and acts which led to troubles in the country," the Shiite Muslim activists said in a letter to the enager gavete emir. "We will work to restore calm, end violence and her school i restore normal life... we ped the childs make this initiative without e, police in t any demand or conditions."

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free election in Kashmir."

Government to comply with King's directives through constitutional process – prime minister

Aim is to protect democracy from excesses and executive authority will work closely with legislature on measures, Sharif Zeid says after HM's hard-hitting comments on the media and professional associations

By P.V.Vivekanand and Natasha Bukharl

AMMAN - The prime minister, Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker. said Friday that his government would adopt necessary measures to protect Jordan's national unity and cohesiveness but that any step in this regard would be taken in accordance with the country's constitutional process.

His Majesty King Hussein issued specific directives (in his speech to senior army and security officers Thursday) which the government will comply with," Sharif Zeid told the Jordan Times. "However, the government will not issue any emergency or temporary laws to achieve His Majesty's objectives, the prime minister added. 'Any change in laws will be effected only in cooperation with Parliameot."

In his address, broadcast on national radio and television, King Hussein expressed anger over the taeries adopted by the country's hardliners who oppose the peace agreement with Israel and those who rejoiced at the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rahin.

The King strongly reiterated his vow that anyone "who seeks to destroy national nnity" would be his "foe forever. The King also assailed the

local media, state-owned as well as privately-run, for not living up to the challenges of , the day and said journalists critical of the peace process'

'Democracy does not mean crossing the red lines, destroying national unity, destroying what is worth something, and under-estimating the achievements of the country'

See full text of the King's address on page 7

were demoralising people, propagating defeatism and sowing dissension which harmed national unity.

"I do not feel that there is a medium, whether on the

official level or the media in general, that belongs to this country, defending it or defending its achievements, reflecting the bright image of this country," he said.

Without naming the publication, the King referred to a lead story that appeared io last week's issue of Al Sabeel, a mouthpiece of the Islamisi movement, that reported the assassination of Mr. Rahin with the headline One Less Murderer,"

The King said: "In my view and io the view of hooourable people, murderers have increased by one" rather than the other way around.

"It is high time to say that all terrorists, regardless of their nationality and convietions, are one eategory, with no difference at all between them," said the King, "They are cnemies of life, of morals, stability, security and peace.

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Parliament fully backs King's views and pledges action

House of Parliament on with the King and the Friday issued a statement Jordanian people their convoicing support for His Majesty King Hussein and expressing concern over issues raised by the King a day earlier in a speech delivered before senior army officers at Al Hussein Medical

The statement, which was earried by the Jordan news agency, Petra, and read by House Speaker Saad Hayel Srour on Jordan Television,

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Lower said the Lower House shares parties over democratie values and national unity.

The statement, which, according to Mr. Srour, was issued after a meeting of the House Executive Council. representatives of major parliamentary blocs and chairpersons of all House committees, said democracy

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Expected amendments to **Press and Publications** Law target 'yellow press'

By a Jordan Times

changes that the government is expected introduce to the Press and Publication Law will enable the executive authority to take stronger measures against publications which His Majesty King Hussein accused Thursday of working to harm the country and undermine its stability.

The reported amendments. which are expected to be presented to Parliament when it reconvenes in December. would empower the government with the authority to close down temporarily or permanently newspapers that violate the law or step on the 'red lines" which the Constitution and the National Charter have drawn.

The changes would be the first to be introduced to the Press and Publication Law since it was endorsed by the 11th Parliament in 1993. Observers believe that the government will have no trouble in passing the

Lower House of Parliament Ben Shaker said the King had AMMAN - The impending where a majority supports given "elear directives which government's policies...

> The current law metes out mostly financial punishment to newspapers and journalists who violate its provisions. But it also allows for the trial of those who commit certain types of violations such as attacking the security forces or the defamation of the royal family under the penalty code which imposes punishment that could include imprison-

> "Controls and eurhs must introduced and (punishment) for those who violate public ethics and morals (in the press) should he reconsidered," said the King in his address to senior military and security offi-

"It seems that our hopes were higger than our reality when we abolished limits and made the strongest punishment for any wrongdoer a mere JD 1000," said the King in his address.

the government will comply with." (story above).

The government has the right to introduce the legislative changes through an extraordinary draft law when Parliament is in recess. But Sharif Zeid ruled out such a Step saying that any legal ehanges will he introduced in ecoperation with parliament.

The criteism that the King levelled at the media in his address Thursday was the strongest in a series of remarks that he had made over the past two years about what he described as the unsatisfactory performance of both the official and privately owned media.

While the King's eritieism was also directed at the offieial media for failing to defend the state's policies and presenting them in a proper perspective, his apparent anger was mainly directed at

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Experts agree on need to curb excessive powers of associations, but split on means

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - As the government appears determined to move towards changing the laws governing the work of professional associations in a bid to curb the unions' powers and domination over their members' political affiliations, there are divisions among supporters of the move on bow any new legislation might be constructed.

While some analysts believe that membership in professional associations should remain mandatory, others insist on following the government's footsteps in making the membership voluntary as a necessary measure to separate politics from professional work. Proponents of the latter school of thought believe that associations have for long ahused their power and that the only means of promoting and protecting democracy and pluralism in the country is by making membership voluntary.

"Members have become slaves for their associations." says Dr. Zeid Hamzeh, a former minister of health. "Associations are controlling their members, speaking on their behalf, and imposing their own political ideas on

members who are otherwise afraid to speak out so as not to lose their jobs." Senator Taber Hikmat,

who is a former minister of justice, says membersbip should remain as it is, mandatory, but politics should be from professiona work, Dr. Zeid Hamzeh insists that forcing individuals to belong to associations gives unions excessive pow-

Moreover, "it is unconstitutional and in contradiction with the basic principles of burnan rights," Dr. Hamzeh maintains. "The executive boards of professional untons, which in most cases did not win hy majority vote, would be entitled to excessive powers if membership remained obligatory," be says. They have been and will still be ahusing these powers if the situation did not change." Membership in profession-

al unions, unlike trade unions, has been always mandatory since their establishment in the 1950s. The need to change it to a voluntarily status was deemed necessary by the government recently. especially when professional associations started taking severe measures against their members if they "normalised" relations with Israel or

In bis speech on Thursday, His Majesty King Hussein alluded to the medical association and the engineers association which banned their members from participating in the Middle East and North Africa economic summit held here last month. "Is this democracy or die-

tatorship?" the King asked. "Do they really represent the public?... why don't they leave politics to politicians and to representatives of the people wbo are freely

Several confrontations. especially after the signing of the Oct. 1994 Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty, have occurred between pro-peace members and their unions' executive bodies. Hamadeh Fara'neh, a writer, was sacked from the writers association last year for giving an interview to Israeli television.

"It is not an issue of normalisation," says Dr. Hamzeh. "The story of the professional unions, or better associations, existed long time ago, but no one dared to make a move."

"It has surfaced now because they have exceeded the limits of what is permissible." According to Dr. Hamzeh a former president of the

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An advertisement in the

medical association, the ex-ecutive councils, which for the most part are against normalising relations with Israel, are not representative of the majority of members. Only 10 per cent of those who have the right to vote actually association elections, he says. 'I believe it is the same case

in the engineers association. Senator Hikmat agrees and insists that 'unions should not be used as a tool for political action... These practices are a sharp violation of public freedoms.'

On the other hand Leith Shubeilat, president of the engineers association, dismisses all arguments that imply that the association forces its members to adhere to certain political ideas or that it is involved in politics.

"We are not political. We are talking about current issues that are of interest to every individual in this country," he says. But what is happening is that "the state is changing our terms of refer-ence and is telling our people that we are rewriting history.

Lower House of Parliament Deputy Bassam Haddadin said be believes that pro-

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Peres and Arafat may meet Sunday

GAZA CITY (Agencies) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat may meet with Israel's acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres in Cairo oo Sunday, Mr. Arafat's spokesman said Friday.

"It's not definite, hut it's possible," spokesman Marwan Kanafani said, when asked about a meeting. "For the momeot, it's not confirmed."

It would be the first time Mr. Petes met Mr. Arafat since he became Israel's new leader after the Nov. 4 assassination of his predecessor Yitzhak Rabin by a Jewish fanatic.

Mr. Arafat is to chair a meeting of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Executive Committee in the Egyptian capital on Sunday. Mr. Peres assured the

Palestinian leader by telephone on Wednesday that Israel's troop redeployment outside six West Bank towns. to be completed by the end ofthe year, would go ahead as planned despite Mr. Rabin's murder.

An initial contingent of 1,000 Palestinian policemen l is to arrive Monday in Jenin.

red under the Sept. 28 West Bank autonomy deal. The army is to hand over control of Jenin oo Wednesday, the PLO has said.

The Israeli redeployment from the six towns is to be followed by the first Palestinian elections, forecast to take place in January. Major-General Abdul

Razaq Majaidah, commander of the Palestinian police in self-ruled Gaza, said 347 policemeo from the paramilitary national security forces arrived in 32 vehicles in Jericho and would move to Jenin on Monday.

"They arrived in uniform and with their own weapons. They will enter Jenin on Monday," Gen. Majaidah told Reuters.

Israel will also hand over civilian authorioes and partial security responsibilities in 450 towns, villages and refugee camps. Palestinians in Jenin said

the Israeli army had cleared most of its belongings from the city's military headquarters but was still guarding the

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Rifkind reaffirms support for peace

AMMAN (Agencies) - Britisb Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind on Friday stressed his country's support for the Middle East peace process and outlined the importance of pursuing efforts to enhance and build regional peace and stability.

Speaking to reporters at the British ambassador's residence, Mr. Rifkind praised Jordan's leading role in establishing peace in the region and in turning this peace into reality. He said he discussed with

His Majesty King Hussein the situation in Iraq, Jordanian-British relations and the economic and commercial ties between Jordan and Europe, in addition to Jordan's participation in this month's Barcelona confer-

Mr. Rifkind also said U.N. sanctions on Iraq could re-

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Sixth suspect held vious day.

remanded a sixth suspected Jewish plotter in Yitzhak Rahin's murder on Friday as supporters of an extremist rabbi planned to defy a police ban and rally on the day of the prime minister's memo-

Police spokesman Eric Bar-Chen said that one man was arrested Thursday for condoning Mr. Rahin's assassination on television. The man, identified as 44-yearold David Balahsan, was remanded for seven days in a magistrate's court near Tel

Police Minister Moshe Shahal insisted the murder was the work of a Jewish terror group which had tried before to kill the premier and blow up his peace accords with the Palestinians.

"The inquiry taking place has revealed at least three attempts to assassinate Rabin since the launch of Palestinian autonomy in May 1994," he told journalists. "All I can say is that the

assassin, Yigal Amir, is not the only one implicated in these attempts," Mr. Shahal But the Shin Bet intelli-

gence service, under attack

for having been caught off its

guard, has voiced doubts on the conspiracy theory first raised by Mr. Shahal the pre-A senior official told Israel

Radio that so far the police investigation had only proved the involvement of two people: Amir, 27, and his brother Hagal who confessed to preparing the lethal dumdum bullets used. Yigal Amir has said killing

Mr. Rabin was his "sacred duty" but told a court on Monday he acted alone. The latest suspect to be

detained, 23-year-old Michael Epstein, was remanded for five days on suspicion of conspiracy and knowing in advance of the assassination last Saturday at a Tel Aviv peace rally. A total of six people are in

custody for the murder including the assassin, who has been linked to Eyal, an offshoot of the outlawed Kach movement headed by the slain Rahhi Meir Kahane. The six suspects now in

custody include the two Amir brothers, Eyal leader Avishav Raviv, Dror Adeni, Ohad Skornick and Epstein. Supporters of the extremist rahbi have called for a memo-

rial serivce on the same day

as a Tel Aviv rally for Rahin.

newspaper Jerusalem Post called Friday for services at a yeshiva, or religious semi-nary, and at Kahane's grave on the Mount of Olives in Arah East Jerusalem on Sun-

A police spokesman has warned of stern action to prevent such a demonstration of support for the outlawed

But a yeshiva spokesman said the service would still go ahead. "Police would have to be crazy to break up our memorial. It's not politics or anything," he said.

The leader of Kach, which was hanned in the wake of the Hebron mosque massacre of at least 30 Muslim worshippers last year by a member of the group, was killed by an Egyptian in New York on Nov. 5, 1990.

The fifth anniversary of the death of Kahane is being commemorated under the lewish calendar.

Hundreds of thousands of people are expected for Sunday's Tel Aviv memorial at the site where Mr. Rabin was murdered - Kings of Israel Square, which is to be renamed after the prime minis-

In Jerusalem, a state com-

murder mission of inquiry into the assassination held its first meeting to discuss the procedure for hearing testimony, where it would hold future sessions and other technical

> It will start to question witnesses next week, mostly behind closed doors.

> A Shin Bet internal investigation has so far led to one senior-level resignation and the suspension of three other officials for law security at the Tel Aviv rally.

A group of Israelis waving signs saying "Peres you are not alone" demonstrated outside the home of acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres on Friday, vowing not to abandon the new leader.

After Mr. Rahin was assassinated, his widow, Leah, recalled the weekly heckling outside their house by opponents of Mr. Rabin's policy of

peace with the Palestinians. 'Where were you then?' she asked mourners on the street outside their Tel Aviv

"Every Friday afternoon a peace demonstration is going to stand in front of the home of Prime Minister Peres and say 'Shimon, you are not

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Sultan Qaboos aims at tribal support with general pardon

MUSCAT (AFP) — Sultan Qaboos of Oman, who is set to release bundreds of militants at the end of the month, is seeking to boister his support from the country's tribes, diplomats said.

"Qaboos decided to release those fundamentalists to bold out his hand to the tribes, especially in the south; who have got a certain political influence and power," a Western diplomat said here.

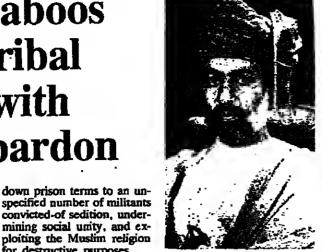
These Omanis, most of them students and intellectuals, come from all social classes throughout the counan Arab diplomat

"Qaboos needs the support of around 200 tribes scattered throughout the country," all the more so because Oman has for the last year taken part in direct talks with Israel, he added.

Oman and Qatar are the onlyGulf Arab states to have taken concrete steps towards rapprochement with the Jew-

Authorities said on Sunday that the Sultan had declared a general amnesty for all prisoners implicated in outlawed activities and organisations and that they would be freed by the end of November.

The state security court in November last year handed. tion and distributing pam-.



Sultan Qaboos

phlets denouncing Oman for staging a conference that Israel attended.

An Omani official confirmed Amnesty reports that those arrested included a former Omani ambassador to the United States, senior officials from the agriculture and commerce ministries and executives of the state oil firm.

The official who asked not to be named added that the general amnesty was per-ceived by several Omanis as the "prelude to a real change at all levels as part of efforts to bolster national unity."

Meanwhile, Western diplomats bere said they expected cabinet changes after festivi-oes for national day on Nov. 18, although key posts would probably not change hands.

Oman, a country of 500,000 people, is an absolute monarchy, although in late 1991 a consultative assembly was formed, with its 59 members appointed by the Sultan from among representatives of Oman's 59 pro-

Sixth suspect ·

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alone," said Erez Friedman, a parliamentary assistant to a member of Mr. Peres's Labour Party.

"We won't let the rightist demonstrators call you a traitor or a killer." be said, citing some of the accusations flung at Mr. Rabin for months before his death.

"We made that mistake once. Leah Rabin said 'where were you. We heard what she said. We take the criticism and from now on we promise we will be here. We will not make the same mis-take again," Mr. Friedman

Thousands of people continue to gather at Rabin's grave in the Mount Herzl military cemetery, still numb with grief and shock after his assassination.
"What he did not know, or

would not believe, was that terror and murder were not the exclusive domain of the Palestinians," wrote the editor-in-chief of the Jerusalem Report, Hirsh Good-

Even political barriers seem to have been swept aside as if by magic.

Posters and bumper stickers calling Mr. Rabin a "traitor" or "assassin" have disappeared, replaced with ones bidding "Goodbye, friend" and "Forgive us for

not backing you."
"The State of Israel will never be the same," said Shimon Sheves, the former head of Mr. Rabin's office, and a close friend.

The assassination has also redrawn the political map of Israel, at least temporarily.

Euro-Arab forum calls for basic change in approach to education

A GATHERING of European and Arab experts on education is calling on Middle Eastern conntries to upgrade their educational systems and on the European Union (EU) to support the educacional reform programmes in the region on a priority basis, given the fast-moving changes in the world economic climate towards open market economies that require a qualitative change of education and vocational training.

The recommendations. adopted at the conclusion of the sixth dialogue forum organised by the Lutfia Rabbani Foundation in the Hague, will be submitted to the Barcelona conference of "Euro-Mediterranean partnership" grouping the 15 EU member states and 13 non-Eu Mediterranean countries, including Jordan, this month.

The Hague forum was titled "The Quality of Education — Cooperation in Exchange Between Europe and the Middle East," and was sponsored by the Commission of the European Union, the Dutch Ministry of Foreign. Affairs and the European Cultural Foundation.

The recommendations call for higher priority for basic education, continued updating of basic education curricula and teaching methods and material, introducing effective research and analysis methods, upgrading training for teachers, developing education management information systems, establishing monitoring and evaluation of all aspects of education and introducing policy changes in state approaches to education.

They call on the European Union to fund Euro-Arab workshops, encourage studies of the regulatory and legislative framework and to transfer of know-how.

It also recommended that special "Enro-Arab" centres be set up in the Middle East for training of teachers and reforming the approach to education. The dialogue forum.

focusing on what it called a "new globalisation strategy," noted that the international community has to come terms with the emerging world trend towards accepting the new

"With stability in the Middle East and the trend towards achieving a free Euro-Mediterranean trade area by the year 2010, networking among European and Arab industries should be encouraged in hosting selected trainers and trainees from Arab countries for short programmes in European industries. the recommendations said.

Representing Jordan at the meeting were Thabet Taher, a former minister of energy and mineral resources, Munther Masri, president of the National Centre for Human Re-sources, Inam Al Mufti, president of the Noor Al Hussein Foundation, and Victor Billeb, an advisor to His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and a senior official of the Higher Council for Science and Technol-

Dr. Billeh noted that Jordan has managed to address the problem of illiteracy

other Arab countries through focused efforts, but that there was a need to concentrate more on means to meet the special needs of children who are talented but suffer from learning dif-

well in comparison with

Jordan has two institutions to deal with the problems, he noted, adding that "to make their job easier in identifying children with learning difficulties, parents should be made aware and informed how to detect a. child with special needs." Numbers revealed at the

forum were very alarming. participants noted. For instance, statistics in-dicate that if no effective action is taken, the number of illiterates in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region would

raise to 66 million, with adult women accounting for 50 per cent of the figure. One of the hopes of the forum is that Arab governments would adopt its reeommendations and act swiftly to increase the exchange of educational information among them-selves and with Europe. said Mahmoud Rabbani. chairman of the Lutfia Rab-

bani Foundation. Mr. Rabbani noted that the strong presence at the meeting of representatives from Arab governments, non-governmental organisations and academicians as well as the Arab League, the United Nations, and European countries was a recognition of the importance of transnational dialogue on education.

Arab participants, representing Jordan, Palestine, Syria, Egypi, Morocco, Tunisia, Oman and Qatar, said the recommendations were not aimed at copying and immitating the European educational system since the features and peopliarities of the Arab World differed vastly from those of Europe. At the same time, they stressed the importance of enbancing cultural understanding be-tween the Arab World and

Europe.
Adnan Badran, deputy director-general for science at the United Nations Educational, Scientifie, and Cultural Organisation (UN-ESCO), said that with the international strategy of globalisation and borderless regional blocs the Middle East would find itself excluded unless measures are taken to decrease the gap between education and information between the re-gion and the rest of the

"If we want to have a part in the competitive market, the young generation should bave access to good education," Dr. Badran told the forum.

He emphasised that the development of human rights, democracy and political system depended on the quality of education.

The Luftia Rabbani Foundation is named after a Palestinian woman, one of the tens of thousands who lost everything when the state of Israel was created. in mandate Palestine in Established in 1967, the

foundation aims at promoting "mutual understanding between Europe and the Arab World through cultural and educational ex-

Government to comply with King's directives

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In an implicit call for changes in the government's approach to the media, the King said: "It is imperative to provide limitations and deterrents and to reconsider our policies towards (spoilers), because this obviously is not the standard we wished for our press in the age of democracy."

"Democracy does not mean crossing the red lines. destroying national unity, destroying what Is worth underestimating tbe achievements of this The King also lashed our at professional unions whose executive councils are dominated by Islamists and leftists who have threatened punitive measures, including expulsion, against any of their members who deal with Israel or Israelis. Some professionals have already been expelled from their respective associations for such contacts.

The laws governing the professional unions state that anyone who wishes to practise his or her profession has to be a member of the relevant professional union and a suspension of membership would also mean that he or she could not continue to practise the profession.

"Do they (the professional associations) represent the thousands of this country's youth?" said the King. "Do they serve the interests of their professions (and professionals)? Until when will this crooked situation persist? Where is the difference between policies and professionalism?"

The King warned profes-

sional unions and associadons to "stay away from polities and leave (politicking) to politicians and members of parliament who are freely elected by the people." In a meeting with the

Another diplomat said

around 200 to 600 Omanis,

who were arrested in three

waves between May and August 1994 and who were

mainly from the country's

south, benefited from this un-

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"They do not represent

any major threat for the reg-ime," he added. "They don't have the means of action to

(threaten the authorities).

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Following the arrests, the

Omani authorities accused

foreign parties of having fi-

nanced the militant groups,

The London-based buman

rights organisation. Amnesty

International, said in a recent

report that the fundamental-

ists had been charged with

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press in July, Sharif Zeid said the government was considering amendments to the laws on professional unions that would do away. with the mandatory membership in associations for any professional.

Directing certain remarks to the prime minister in his speecb on Thursday, the King my brothers (members) of the Higher Council for the Interpretation of the Constitution or any concerned party or take measures through dialogue (concerning) what should be done at the levels of the government, people (and parliament) to be fair to this country."

That was seen as an explicit call on the executive authority re-propose amendments to laws concerning the work and mandate of the professional unions and associations as well as the Press and Publicacions Law.

Sharif Zeid told the Jordan Times on Friday: "We are determined to protect our democratic march and achievements. We will not allow anyone to abuse democratic freedoms to destroy the national fabric of society and democracy itself. We will continue to protect our accomplishments and our people's interests within the country's framework."

The prime minister did not say whether the government

would introduce amendments

to the Press and Publications Law or that of the professional associations when Parliament resumes its regular session in December. But government sources said that sncb legislative changes are being strongly considered as a way of stemming what is increasingly being viewed as incitement by especially the tabloid and political party press against the peace treaty

One official described the approach of the tabloids as verbal violence which could turn into physical violence."

According to a governent source, "one way to counter that would be to bring down the threshold of punishment for violators of the law." One such measure could be a dramatic increase in fines imposed on those who are convicted of violating the Press and Publications Law (sec stories below).

The King's hard-hitting speech obviously stemmed from frustration over what many government officials describe as the immaturity of the local media and professional associations to recognise the inevitability of accepting the course of history and realities on the ground.

"It seems that our hopes were not (compatible) with the size of reality when we lifted all restrictions." said the King, referring to the maximum penality of JD 1.000 for violations of the Press and Publications Law.

The King referred to the atmosphere of extremist incitement in Israel that is widely seen as mainly responsible for the assassination of Mr. Rahin by a Jewish fanatic at n peace tally in Tel Aviv on Nov. 4 and warned that a similar atmosphere was clouding Jordan.

"I remind my brothers, and my brother the prime minister, that if such an atmosphere led to what happened there (in Israel), we live amid the same atmosphere here." said the King.

The King also lashed out at a neighbouring Arab country - thought to be Syria -- whose "vice-president" bad sent a message to the Jordanian prime minister saying that you were my friend, but it's not bonourable to shake the hand that shook Rabin's

The King hit back: are not bonoured to shake their hands because they see only their interest, believe in nothing but themselves and work only for themselves...because they are too cowardly to shoulder their responsibilities and to work in the service of the (Arab) Nacion's future to save Arab people everywhere from what they suffer." .

The King, who has sprvived numerous attempts against his life, said he did not fear assassination. When my time comes, I hope it will be like that of Abdullah Ben Al Hussein," said the King, referring to his grandfather who was assassinated in July 1951 at the entrance to the Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem.

"Life and death are in the hands of God and we do not fear criticism when we do justice," said the King. "I would always be, to the last moment of my life, there for you, from you and with you. to satisfy you with my conscience and work for God's will...."

Amendments to target 'yellow press'

(Continued from page 1) weekly tabloids and political parties' newspapers, which he said, were belittling the achievements of the Kingdom and degrading its people and leadership.

"(In) the yellow press... (there are) articles that defame the country, its leadership and its people," the King told officers, urging the government to take the necessary measures that would allow for publications.

King Hussein had spoken of certain elements in the sionalism at the altar of senpress that "do not belong to sationalism, commercialism this country." While in earlier and propaganda for certain speeches he mainly gave advice for such papers and journalists to work for the interest of the Kingdom, the King such publications to publish on Thursday explicitly in- sensational headlines for structed the government not news stories that they fail to to tolerate the current situa- substantiate. tion and do something about

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political party newspapers. which appeared on the newsstands after the current press law lifted restrictions on the publication of new newspapers and magazines, have run more confrontational stories tic fears among the people, against the policies of the officials say. signing of the peace treaty

with Israel in 1994. Such publications drew checking excesses by these criticism, mainly from officials but also by other guarters, for sacrificing profesideologies and political beliefs.

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In expressing their opposition to the peace treaty with Sharif Zeid had also said Israel, observers say, some of that some journalists were on those papers not only prethe payroll of foreign coun-sented views as news, but tries but added that legel ac- they offered these views to lion could not be taken the readers in ways, when the against them because it was officials said, enuld sow the

certain political camps, Mr. Haddadin says. "They do not

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political ideas. "These prac-

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sues such as . . peace with Israel, ties with the Palestinians and other Arab states, these papers have failed to uphold professional standards in seeking accuracy and truth, spreading unrealis-

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the King said that thes publications were harming the interests of the state and are preaching division in society. His message on Thursday was a clear warning that he would no longer tolerate such practices and that the state had the means to ensure its security and stability.

The prompt response by the government by working to introduce legislative ; change that would strengthen its hand in dealing with those publications is a strong indication that it is going to use those means.

But some journalists say that the legislative changes that the government is expected to introduce should not allow for reinstituting the right to shut down publications for violating the law.

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This, they said, could harm the democratic process. which can guarantee respect were in their werking for the law through other tother," and Shalor imposing heavy · fines on . newspapers that disregard and in mess and cultur professional ethics, mislead the public or publish false. Plancame at the unstige stories that slander the citizens or the government.

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viability. Iran seizes 620 kilogrammes of drugs

NICOSIA (R) - Police in northeastern Iran seized 629 kilometres of drugs in the past two days, killing one drug trafficker in a clash, the Iranian news agency IRNA said on Thursday. It said police seized the drugs in two operations in Khorasan province which borders on Afghanistan. one of the operations police fought with armed trafficker killing one man, injuring two and arresting 13 others, ill agency said. Police also seized a grenade, an assault riff and some ammunition, it added.

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lawyers, doctors and journalists, who, by visiting the ambassador's residence, were defying their associations' rules to avoid contact with Israelis, or face the threat of disciplinary measures being taken against them.

Mrs. Shamir sad she was particularly moved by the number of university students who came to sign the condolences book.

Eynat Shlein-Michael. second secretary for the commercial department at the embassy, said a carload of students drove to the residence and "perhaps wondering whether security would allow them in," elected one of the group to attempt to get into the residence. When he succeeded, five others followed him, she said.

Ms. Shlein-Michael also said another student, who came on his own, stood in the receiving room and gave e short speech about the importance of pursuing the peace process.

"We so often blame the young generation for not caring, for being self-centred. But on both sides, in Israel and in Jordan, young people really made an oppearance," she said.

lt is the sincere and beart-felt expression of grief, shock and sorrow by so many ordinary people which shows that this is a peace among two peoples, oot between two governments, as has often been claimed, said Mr. Tourge-

People came to express their appreciation for Mr. Rabin's efforts to implement peace between the two countries, he said adding that

Many Jordanian visitors pointed to the unique rela-Lionship the late Mr. Rabin had with King Hussein, a relationship of friendship, of mutual respect and understanding.

say The friend of my King is my friend," he

Visitors had travelled to the ambassador's residence in Abdoun from places as far away as Ramtha, Irbid, Azraq, Um Qais, Karak, Ajloun and villages in the south, many spending bours on a bus in order to do what some refered to as "their duty" of offering their condolences, Mr.

Tourgeman said. The stream of visitors began to flow to the residence at 8 a.m. on Sunday morning, the first day following Prime Minister Rabin's assassination, and only ebbed away at 10 p.m., regardless of the

official opening hours of

10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The first of bundreds of faxes and telegrams carrying messages of condolence reached the embassy only hours after the news of the assassination was reported Saturday night.

The ambassador and his wife continued to receive visitors at their residence until Tuesday afternoon.

But according to Ms. Shlein-Michael, people were still paying respect at the embassy itself on Wednesday and Thursday, upon finding the residence closed. Some of them said that they had been unable to come earlier or that they had been out of town, she

She added that cables and other written messages continued to stream into the embassy.

"We are trying to respond in writing to as many as we can," Ms. Shlein-Michael

By Tuesday morning, the book of condolences at the residence was so filled with messages of sympathy and words of peace that a new book had to be opened, Ms. Shlein-Micbael said. "A second book has also been filled,"

According to Mr. Tourgeman, many young visitors, in their late teens and early twenties, spoke of their admiration for the Israeli premier, who, they said, had set out to build e better future for them in the region — a sentiment expressed in the same words by many young Israelis, he added.

Thus, he said, the young generation in both countries is united by the sentiminister, alongside King Hussein, was leading them on a path of hope.

Another similarity between mourners in both countries was e certain feeling of remorse, even guilt, for having waited too long to express their support for the peace process, Mr. Tourgeman said.

"We were shown that we have real friends in Jordan; the way people stood by us in this sad moment, the deeply-felt sorrow they were expressing. The people of Jordan came to express to the people of Israel that we are living in a state of peace," he said.

Bahrain-Jordan energy cooperation to start immediately, says official

AMMAN (J.T.) — An agreement signed by Bahrain and Jordan Thursday on cooperation in energy generation, distribution and maintenance and the exchange of expertise will take immediate effect, according to Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA)

mad Saeed Arafeh. Mr. Arafeh who took part in the talks between teams from the two countries and ottended the signing of the memorandum of understanding covering future cooperation, said Friday the Bahraini side promised to

Director General Moham-

send Jordan fully approved documents on such cooperation within days of their return to Manama. The Bahraini delegation,

which left Amman Thursday, agreed to launch fullscale cooperation with the JEA in the exchange of expertise, designing and operating electric power networks, developing national electricity systems training personnel, the use of alternative sources of energy and management of electricity installations.

The memorandum also provides for joint studies and consultations between

power related affairs, the rationalisation of electricity consumption, the use of gas turbines at power stations, the use of solar and wind energy and desalination plants and cooperation in

seminars and conferences

dealing with electric and

other forms of energy . The two sides agreed to hold talks on secondment of experts from either country to the other and to conduct joint negotiations with financial institutions 10 secure funds and loans to

finance power projects. The memorandum was

the concerned authorities in signed by Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Samih Darwazeb and Bahraini Minister of Electricity and Water Abdullah

Mr. Jumaa and Minister

of Water and Irrigation Saleh Irsbeidat signed e separate memorandum of understanding on bilateral cooperation in improving water resources management, protection of weter resources from pollution and personnel training.

The memorandum calls for joint seminars and research related to water as well as the secondment of Jordanian engineers to work in Bahrain.

Following the signing ceremony Dr. Irsbeidat said Bahrain has significant experience in water desalination, and Jordan is experienced in underground water resources, irrigation networks and dams.

He said the two sides will exchange expertise in all these fields.

Dr. Irsheidat said e Bahraini technical team will visit Jordan soon to inspect the country's irriga-

Business sector urges Egypt to import more Jordanian goods

CAIRO (J.T.) — A Jordanian business delegation which held meetings with the Egyptian business community in Cairo has raised the question of the balance of trade between the two countries being in fevour of Egypt and urged the Egyptians to increase the volume of its imports of Jordanian

Isam Budeir, one of the 50-member delegation, told the opening meeting of the Jordanian-Egyptian Businsess Council, which groups representatives of the business communities of both countries, that the balance of trade was in fevour of Egypt by some JD 25 million over the past few years.

The deficit trend io the balance of trade first appeared in 1990 when it stood at JD 8.8 million, rising gradually until 1994 when it showed an imbalance of JD 24.2 million, said Mr. Budeir.

He added that trade indicators in the first seven months of 1995 point to an even higher margin of deficit.

The continuation of this deficit between the two countries requires immediate attention from the joint council, said Mr. Budeir.

He said this can be done through pumping new kinds of Jordanian products into the Egyptian market and encouraging Egyptian public and private organisations to increase their imports of Jordanian goods.

by involving the two coun-

struction fields, added Mr. Budeir. The delegation, which

tries' business communities

in joint projects in tourism,

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returned to Amman Friday afternoon, discussed regional cooperation, the outcome of the Middle East and North Africa economic summit beld in Amman in late October, and joint ventures in trade and industry in the coming stage during This can be backed later

Businessmen Association (JBA) whose chairman Hamdi Tebbaa led the Jordanian delegation to the meeting.

Under a trade agreement signed by Amman and Cairo, the two countries can exchange up to \$200 million worth of goods annually equally divided between the two sides.

The Cairo gathering was the sixth by the joint business council which was established in 1985.

Women's legal advice centres in Arab World to review experiences

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A group of 100 womeo representing legal advice centres in 10 Arab countries, including Jordan, will participete in a seminar Saturday to exchange views, experiences and difficulties encouotered by their centres.

"We are aiming to come up with better strategies to aid women in all sorts of legal and psychological advice, and we are boping that this meeting will be the. instigator to organise similar meetings in the future," Sawsan Ishaq, a volunteer lawyer and e member et the Jordanian Women's Union (JWU) legal advice centre,

According to Ms. Ishaq, the meeting, entitled "legal advice programmes for women," will allow participants to review their cases, discuss the difficulties their centres faced, formulate future snggestions aimed at overcoming these obstacles and plan for future cases. Speaking of the Jordanian experience, Ms. Ishaq, who

is in charge of receiving women seeking legal advice at the JWU's headquarters in Jabal Hussein, said that most women come to the centre complaining they are victims of domestic violence. She added that many women come in with questions about their rights within marriege, inheritance issues, and child cus-

tody rights.
"We sought to belp all these women and directed about 35 women to the concerned authorities depending on the individual case since the centre was established in early 1995," she said

According to Ms. Ishaq. these cases proved that there is an urgent need for a women's shelter in the Kingdom.

"In several cases we encountered some women who had no place to go because they were either kicked out of their homes or were being mistreated by their families, which indicates that there is a pressing need for e women's shelter," Ms. Ishaq told the Jordan Times.

In addition to free legal advice, the centres (the one in Jabal Hussein, and two others in Wihdat and Baqaa camps) recently started offering psychological thery. It is a new service that

has been included to aid women wbo suffer from depression because of e certain domestic situation, said Nuha Hamawi, the psycbological advisor at the "We beve witnessed a

positive response from the women, and in some cases their busbands cooperated with us. I think this e positive achievement hy the JWU," Ms. Hamawi added.

Ms. Ishaq told the Jordan Times that the JWU is boping to share all these experiences with the participants to the seminar and to encourage suggestions to further help such women in the future.

The seminar will he followed by a two-day worksbop, entitled "What's after Beijing" at which the JWU members who participated in the U.N. World Conference on Women last Sep-

tember will evaluate their participatioo and exchange their experiences with other non-governmental organisations (NGO). -"We will introduce our

the three-day meeting,

according to the Jordanian

experience and strategy as a union and try to draw a joint working plan with other organisations based the Beijing conference resolutions," said Nadia Sharoukh, vice president of the JWU.

"We are boping to form pressure groups that would call on the government to apply the Beijing resolutions which were signed by Jordan following the conclusion of the cooference,'

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(Petra) - The Public Security Department

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REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE A service of Remembrance at the Church of the Redeemer at 6.00pm.

POETRY RECITAL Recital of poems hy poets of the '90s at the Phoenix Gallery for Culture and Art at 6.00pm.

EXHIBITIONS

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Works by Akram Abdel Jaber at Instituto Cervantes.

"Works by Dodi Taba'a entitled "Variations Graphiques 93-95" et the French Cultural Centre.

Metal works by Ammar Khammash at Liwan, off Wadi Saqra Street. Also displaying all kinds of handicrafts. (Tel 699141)

Works by Nazih Abu Afesh at Balka Art Gallery,

A retropective of works by Mona Saudi at Darat

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Angry Major tells Commonwealth summit partners they are wrong

AUCKLAND (R) — Prime Minister John Major angrily described the other 51 Commonwealth countries as "just plain wrong" Friday as Britain was left totally isolated in its support of French nuclear testing.

Mr. Major made no attempt to conceal his fury at a Commonwealth statement saying the overwbelming majority of governments condemned nuclear tests and urged an immediate halt to them.

"I think that what they have got in their statement is factually inaccurate, intellectually inconsistent and unbalanced and I haven't signed up for that and they know that," be said.

"I've made it perfectly clear: I think the view that has been expressed by our Commonwealth colleagues is just plain wrong — just plain wrong," Mr. Major told reporters at the end of the summit's first day of

Britain's isolation evoked memories of Common-

LAHORE (AFP) — Pakis-

tan's largest Islamic party,

Jamaat-I-Islami, wound up

a successfully three-day

rally here Friday with a vow

to launch a campaign of

mass mobilisation against

Tens of thousands people

from all over Pakistan

attended the rally in the cen-

tral Pakistani city of Lahore

from Wednesday to Friday.

Islamic leaders repeatedly

criticised the government of

Prime Minister Benazir

Bhutto and the main opposi-

tion, the Pakistan Muslim

League, for "failing the

people."
"We want to break ont of

this rut of a two-party

regime." Jamaat Senator

Khurshid Ahmad told AFP.

We want to give the people

Thursday to the team

defending doomsday cult leader Shoko Asahara

against murder charges in

the lethal nerve gas attack

The unusual move appar-

ently was part of efforts to

prevent further delays in his

trial, news reports said. The

first session, schednled in

late October, was postponed

after Asahara fired his

lawyer and has yet to be

Mr. Asahara later rebired

the lawyer, but meanwhile

the Tokyo District Court

began assigning others to

assist the lone defence counsel, Shoji Yokoyama.

Before Thursday's appoint-

ments, three already had

been assigned to belp sort

out the complex cases

against the leader of the

Aum Shinri Kyn cult.

rescheduled.

on Tokyo's subways.

the government.

wealth summits of the 1980s when Margaret Thatcher found berself in a minority of one in her opposition to sanctions against South Africa.

"If it is once again one against 48, then I am very sorry for the 48," Mrs. Thatcher said in Kuala Lumpur in 1989.

The joint leaders' statement noted "The widespread anger caused by the current programmes of nnclear weapon tests" and was chiefly directed at France, although it menfioned no country by name.

Mr. Major had made clear beforehand that he would not subscribe to criticism of Paris, which is balf-way through an expected series of six nuclear tests in French Polynesia in the South Pacific.

comprebensive test ban

vows mobilisation against government

rally comes at a time when

Islamic parties were gener-

ally considered to be losing

Sen. Ahmad said his party

would capitalise on its

apparent success and pusb

for a three-point agenda,

focusing on establishing

Islam as the national identi-

ty, unifying the Muslim community and getting rid

Lahore's rally was clearly

a show of strength, and

Jamaat leaders made it clear

that they would encourage

protest at all levels in the

Speakers at the rally criti-

cised Western powers for their "interference" in the

Islamic World, saying the

new world order was anoth

er form of colonialism.

Japanese court assigns more

lawyers to defend Asahara

release of the nerve gas

sarin on Tokyo's subways.

which killed 12 people and

sickened more than 5.500

He also has been charged

in an earlier sarin attack that

killed seven people in a

northern city and in the

deaths of a wayward cuit

follower and a lawyer and

his family. The lawyer bad

been opposing the cult in

Kyodo News Service

cited unnamed police

sources Thursday as saying

police were preparing to ask

prosecutors to bring addi-

tional charges against

Asahara for suspected ille-

gal production of machine

guns and hallucinogenic

Asahara had predicted an

apocalypse that only cult

members would survive,

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TOKYO (AP) — A court Asahara is that he master-added seven lawyers minded the Marcb 20

of "corrupt leadership."

Pakistani Islamic party stages rally,

ground in Pakistan.

eight associates, saying they were guilty of "gruesome The statement said the continuing tests flew in the murder" face of pledges by the "We are not coming here for an inquisition," said Mr. "utmost restraint" so as not to jeopardise prospects for a

'There should be understanding and discussion, not

ranging from Kashmir to

The Jamaat rally was

attended by representatives

of several Western and

Islamic countries including

Egypt, Sudan, Kuwait, Iran,

Turkey, Bosnia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Chechenya,

Germany, France, Norway

and Sweden, Sen. Ahmad

The Algerian Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) was

represented by an Algerian

delegate from Europe,

according to Sen. Ahmad,

"The Islamic Interna-

but no journalist met him.

tionale is already in place" said Sen. Ahmad. Wbo

stressed that informal links

bave always existed

between the Islamic groups,

without any formal institu-

police sources have said the

cult was preparing various

kinds of weapons for

attacks aimed at making the

The alleged gun and drug

production took place at the

cult's main compound at

Kamikuishiki, Yamanasbi

prefecture (state), near

Also Thursday, Kyodo

News Service said 481

Kamikuishiki residents,

who have long opposed the

activities of the cult on a

ranch in the rural communi-

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ing 240 million Yen (\$2.35

They say the cult's alleged

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safe life," said Kyodo.

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Zealand and

Australia, the two most

vocal opponents of French

testing, proclaimed their

Despite the acrimony, the statement cleared the way

for leaders to turn their

attention to the other main

issue on the conference

Officials said they would

weigh their response to

Nigerian death sentences on

activists during a weekend retreat in the South Island

Nigerian Foreign Minister

Tom Ikimi said his country

refused to be put in the

dock. He accused the

world's press of distorting

the case of condemned

writer Ken Saro-Wiwa and

resort of Queenstown.

minority rights

agenda: Nigeria.

persecution of a country because it does not have the advantage of powerful media that some other countries have."

Leaders of the 52-nation Commonwealth, debating ways to give teeth to a 1991 declaration oo democracy and good government, are under pressure to match words with deeds on Nigeria.

The death sentence of Kenen Saro-Wiwa is an example of the type of behaviour we all want to see abolished," Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien told the summit's opening cere-

The United States and European Union are among leaders of a a chorus of condemnation of Nigeria, Africa's most populous nation and a major oil producer. It has been under military rule since 1993 elections were annulled and strongman General Sani Abacha seized power.

Departing PR chief blasts U.K. ruling party

LONDON (R) - British Prime Minister John Major, reeling from a parliamentary defeat on rules to curb political sleaze, suffered a new blow Thursday when his departing press chief attacked the ruling party's

journalist and bead of press relations at the Ministry of Defence, quit Wednesday as Conservative Party communications director after just six months in the job.

Mr. Colver, 50, explained his sudden and unexpected resignation by saying be was not suited to the job of handling the party's image in the run-up to the next election, due within 18

But in an article Thursday in the Sun newspaper, usually loyal to the Conservatives, Mr. Colver attacked a party be said had managed to "continually snatch defeat from the jaws

Mr. Colver said he had sat in on countless highlevel ministerial meetings where potential trouble spots were identified in plenty of time to take

But despite having the advantage of "a well-oiled government machine at our fingertips", Mr. Colver said members of the cabinet "simply raised their hands

Party behave as if they are eventually see sense and rally to the flag.

ty, they are prepared to lose these battles in the assumpnon that they will eventually win the war," he said in a bitter attack on a party which has held power for 16 years but which polls give little chance of a new

"It is the Mohammad Ali technique of taking a terrible bammering in the hope of exhausting your opponent while you stay on your

at Mr. Major bimself, saying he had yet to show 'resolute day-to-day leadership".

The attack came just three days after many Conservative members of parliament ignored Mr. Major's advice and sided with the opposition Labour Party to force MPs to

It was a personal humiliation for Mr. Major, who polls have sbown trails Labour badly.



POLAND ELECTION CAMPAIGN: Former Polish Communist leader Alexander Kwasniewski smiles as he is framed by traditionally dressed folk singers during a campaign trip to Maslowice, a village in central Poland. Maslowice is a stronghold of Mr. Kwasniewski who will run in the second round of Polish presidential elections against incumbent Lech Walesa on Nov. 19 (AFP photo)

Irish police stop suspected van bomb in 25 years of sectarian con-

rule in Northern Ireland and

to current moves towards a

enjoyed an unprecedented

15-month period of calm

Northern Ireland has

BELFAST (R) - Irish a little-known breakaway police said they found a suspected bomb in a van they stopped early Friday near the border with Northern Ireland.

Two men were being held under Irish anti-terrorism laws in connection with the discovery, a police spokesman said. "It is believed that there

added, "We won't know for definite until it is examined by army experts."
Initial media reports said

held was linked to the Irisb

National Republican Army,

was a bomb on board," he

since the main Republican guerrilla force, the Irish Republican Army (IRA), and its "loyalist" pro-British Protestant foes

peace settlement.

declared matching truces. Only three bombs, all unexploded, bave been found in this period by British security forces, a stark contrast to the violence and the 3,200 deaths

group opposed to British flict before the ceasefires. Specialist Irish police units and Irish troops bave rightened security near the

horder in recent months to prevent any breaches of the ceasefires by breakaway The peace process is currently in stalemate, with the British government insist-

ing that guerrilla groups hand in arms before joining all-party peace talks, a position described by the IRA's political wing Sinn Fein as a "demand for surrender".

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BAKU (AFP) — Azerbaijan's general election Sunday, which the authorities bope will bring stability after two coups in four years of independence, has already been dismissed by opposition parties as heavily rigged.

The 4.4 million electorate will also be taking part in a referendum on a new constitution strengthening the powers of President Geidar Aliyev, who was the number one here in Soviet days and bas been ruling again for just more than two

Uncovering plots has become something of a way of life, the latest with four men arrested early this month for reportedly planning to shoot down Mr. Aliyev's plane.

The four main opposition movements have been barred from the poll to elect 125 members of the Milli Majlis (National Assembly), 25 seats by proportional representation, 100 by majority vote in constituen-

The Electoral Commission ruled last month that the parties had committed irregularities in the nomination of candidates.

They included the Communists, who are urging a boycott, and Musavat, a Muslim democratic movement whose leader Isa Gambar commented, "these elections are already a

Azerbaijan was moving towards authoritarianism instead of democracy, he said, complaining that the bad been some "inadequa-

fresh challenge to the

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includes the requirement for

parties to get at least five

per cent of the vote to qual-

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to rule on a clause stipulat-

ing that Russians living out-

side the country could not

A court spokesman said

Friday that he was aware of

the latest challenge by the deputies but could not con-

firm that it was being stud-

vote, he said.

They also asked the court

parts of the electoral law.

Rigging claims mar Azeri elections authorities were using all sorts of trickery to survive.

Observers from the United Nations and the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe issued a joint statement this week stating that "The real cause of unease is linked with the possibility that some candidates and parties may bave been unlawfully deprived of participation in the elections.

"The mission therefore notes that voters have been deprived of freely electing

their own representatives." Eight parties are registered for the proportional voting and there are 392 candidates for the 100 constituency seats. The Popular Front of former President Abulfaz Elchibey, over-thrown in June 1993, is the only opposition party in the

proportional poll. Its deputy chief Asim Mollazade, decrying "elec-toral manipulation," said that ponetheless it was necessary to take part if there was the slightest chance that even a single independent won a seat "to let us continue the struggle by political means.

Aliyev's Yeni Azerbaijan (New Azerbaijan) and a number of progovernment parties complete the field.

Yeni's deputy leader Ali Nagiyev said the Caucasus republic of 7.5 million people was for the first time experiencing an election campaign "based on democratic and multi-party prin-ciples." He admitted there

Russian deputies ask Constitutional

Court to examine electoral law

cies", but said the authorities had "other very important questions on their

A major row broke out last month when Mr. Aliyev's adviser Neimat Panakhov, leader of the National State Party, suddenly broke ranks and told a press cooference the elections results had already been prepared. Yeni would bave 36

majority vote seats and 18 of the proportional vote seats, an absolute majority Aliyev camp, and a mere two seats would go to the Popular Front, Panakhov claimed.

The international observer team, which will have slightly more than 100 monitors in place Sunday. declined to comment on the allegations of premeditated fraud. OSCE spokesman Michael Ochs said the mission was confident it had the means to get a sufficiently clear idea of what occurred when voting tonk

ln ,a country where the average monthly wage is barely \$10, and despite the prospect of ricbes from recently signed oil contracts, the election campaign has aroused little popular cnthusiasm.

"The most important thing is that one has to scurry about every day to see to it that you do not die of hunger," said Fuad, 35. He added dismissively, "as for

Itching to get out of school? Buy a louse

SOFIA (AFP) - Bulgarian students itching to get out of school have found novel way to do so using lice. According to local news reports. The school system in Bulgara has faced an outbreak of lice since the beginning of the school year, and the problem has been traced to a flea market where the creepy creatures are sold to students seeking to play hookey. The Bulgarian news agency (BTA) said the lice are sold for 10 lev (15 cents) apiece at the Choumen market, northeast of the capital. Some kids buy a jar-full and the sell the creatures to the schoolmates, who are em tled to three days off school to delouse.

Florida teachers boycott Chinese theme park

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CLEARWATER, Florida - (R) Public school teachers voted to balt student field trips to a theme park operated by a Chinese gov. emment agency because they said it gives an inaccurate portrayal of Tibet. The Pinellas Classroom Teachers' Association said they bad voted to urge teachers and their families not to visit the \$100 million splendid China Theme Park because of what one educator called "propaganda and misinformation" about Tibet. "It's an opportunity to show we stand for wbat we teach," said teacher Dennis Harrison of Clearwater. "If we teach justice and non-violence, then we ought to stand up

Model Anna Nicole Smith hospitalised

LOS ANGELES (R) -Model Anna Nicole Smith, of the the who caused a sensation by had spen the action marrying a 90-year-old oil Boisene, the baron last year, was in hosbaron last year, was in nos-pital but her publicist and as been numbered lawyer both denied it was because of a drug overdose. Publicist Tony Angellotti said Ms. Smith. 27. suffered an adverse reaction from prescription medicine and dismissed television reports she had taken an overdose. A spokesman for the hospital, St. Joseph's in Burbank, declined to acknowledge she was a patient. Her lawyer in Houston, Diana Marshall, said: "She is not suffering from an overdose or any inappropriate use of

Paris gets charitable as opera duo to head gala evenings

PARIS (AFP) — Two of the leading voices in world opera will lend their prodigious talents to differing charitable causes in Paris later this month. Spanish tenor Jose Carreras will perform during a charity gala next Monday at the Palais Des Congres in western Paris in aid of "science for peace," currently involved in genetic research projects along the River Jordan and in Tunisia. The French National Orchestra direct ed by Jeffrey Tate will also participate in the charity evening.

Wounded monk seal rescued off Mauritania

NOUAKCHOTT (R) -

wounded baby monk seal one of the world's most endangered species, is recovering at Mauritania's National Oceanographic and Fisheries Research Centre (CNROP) after being rescued at sea CNROP said Thursday the nine-week-old seal, named Aziza by a researcher, had apparently got lost in & storm a week ago. She was found between Cap Blanc and Guerra by Spanish environmentalists working

The major charge against and media reports quoting commune in 1989. Pat Barker wins British literary prize

LONDON (R) - English novelist Pat Barker, writer of a baunting trilogy about World War I. fought off a fierce challenge from Indian-born Salman Rushdie Tuesday to win Britain's top literary prize. Barker, a 52-year-old for-

mer teacher from northern England whose first novel was not published until she was 39, landed the £20,000 (\$31,650) Booker Prize for The Gbost Road. It intermingled fact with

fiction in the tale of a working-class lieutenant battling the horrors of the trenches alongside poet Wilfred Owen. Recalling the psychologi-

cal scars of the conflict, she told reporters: "Shell sbock was misunderstood as a failure of manliness. This was part of the torment the men

Barker, facing the literary

equivalent of Hollywood Oscar night, said she was sick of hearing her own voice and thanked her competitors for their friendly attitude - and for writing such wonderful books.

Rushdie, under threat of death from Iran for blaspbemy. bad been the bottest favourite in the 27-year history of the prestigious prize. Bookmakers considered him a certainty to win with The Moor's Last Sigh.

But Barker, the first woman to land the Booker since A.S. Byatt in 1990. emerged the winner after bours of beated debate by the judges.

She said the lessons of World War I should not be forgotten: "I wanted to get people not just to think about the borrors of it but to actually think quite deeply about why it happened and the effects it had on sociBarker was a teacher who

"lived on a diet of rejection slips" before her first novel Union Street was published in 1982. It was later made into a film Stanley And Iris starring Jane Fonda and Robert De Niro - not a happy adaptation for her.

But she really won literary acclaim with her three books on World War I, culminating in The Gbost Road, published by Viking Press at £15 (\$23.69). Barker, who drew much

inspiration from her grandfather's tales of the trenches, said: "The Somme is like the bolocaust. It revealed things about mankind that we cannot come to terms with and cannot forget. It can never become the past."

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Hugh Colver, a former

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feet," Mr. Colver wrote.

Mr. Colver also took aim

declare how much they earn from acting as political consultants to compa-

> ied by the court. Preparations for the Dec. 17 poll were also thrown into turmoil Thursday when

MOSCOW (AFP) — In a the Constitutional Court to examine the legality of Article 62.

upcoming legislative elec-tions, about 100 Russian deputies Friday asked the Constitutional Court to exa-The elections to the State Duma, the lower house of parliament, are expected to hring victories for national-Reformist deputy Gleb Yakunin told AFP that the ist and pro-Communist parties opposed to President legislators had asked the Boris Yeltsin, who is in hoscourt to examine Article 62 pital for heart trouble. of the electoral law, which

The five-per cent rule is mainly opposed by parties with the least support. A total of 42 parties are registered for the elections, the Electoral Commission announced Friday, which was the deadline for registration.

Duma Speaker lvan Rybkin, who favours delaying the elections, told parliament that the electoral law would not be debated before a ruling by the Constitutional Court.

The assembly is divided on the issue with reformists from smaller parties in

the Supreme Court ordered favour of amending the law and others opposed. "Behind the challenge to

the Constitutional Court is the hope that the elections could be annulled or the results invalidated." Alexandre Ossovisov, a deputy with the Russia's Choice party said. He added that Mr.

Yeltsin's entonrage was backing these initiatives along with deputies who fear losing the election. Another reformist deputy, Boris Fiodorov, said that any change in the law

would be "inadmissible." "Even if the law is imperfect, you cannot change the electoral process while it is already under way," he said

Ivan Bespalov, a Communist deputy opposed to any changes in the law, charged that the constitutional challenges were an attempt by Mr. Yeltsin to prevent the Communists from baving a majority in parliament.

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Mr. Chirac began the day

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He later stood, flanked by

the general's family, at a

grandiose night-time ccre-

mony on the vast esplanade

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Seine as nearly 1,000 torch-

carrying soldiers formed a

huge Cross of Lorraine, the

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were taken aback and spoke

of excess and bad taste

home at Colombey which has been uninhabited since

his widow's death in 1979.

Mr. Chirac was invited by

retired Admiral Philippe De

Gaulle, the general's only

son who is a Senate member

for the Rally For the

Republic (RPR) party

which carried Mr. Chirac to

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Rwanda and Burundi will

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CHOTT (R) BANGKOK (AFP) — Two baby monk so people died but 178 were he world's policited to safety Friday he world's plucked to safety Friday ed species, after a ferry filled with tourists heading for the Thai occanograph resort island of Koh Samni heries Research Gulf of Thailand, Marine scrued at Thursday L. Two bearing that the control of the said.

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The two dead were Thai nationals, a man and a woman, they said, adding

police said. Police said they believed the incident had been an accident and that an investi-

gation had already been launched. The captain of the ferry fled the scene soon after being rescued, they

police said. One of the passengers on

the ferry, Philip Hawes, 32, an Australian environmental

2 people die after ferry sinks in Gulf of Thailand consultant, reached by telephone in Koh Samui, said the boat sank slowly, allowing ample time for passen-

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The Turkish Foreign

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gers to clear the decks. "Intially it looked as if people would panic, but when the life jackets were being handed out we waited until the hoat went down and then we jumped clear,"

"I would be very suprised if there was anybody trapped on board," he said, adding that he was one of the last to leave the ferry.

Sri Lanka troops march on Jaffna

Lankan troops resumed their advance on Jaffna town Friday, picking their way through dirt tracks and scruhland expected to be liberally peppered with landmines and booby-traps. a military source and residents said.

The troops left their hunkers at first light after spending close to two weeks digging in on the outskirts of the northern town. the strategic and spiritual capital of the Tamil rebels' "Eelam", or homeland, the source told Reuters.

"How long it takes to get into Jaffna town depends on the resistance" by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), be said. The axis is towards Jaffna Cîty so you can say we are heading for Jaffna".

Residents arriving at government-controlled Vavuniya, south of the northem Jaffna peninsula, also said the army had renewed its advance and fighting had resumed. The military merely said in a statement that troops had "recommenced their advance".

It is the monsoon season in Jaffna hut the weather has

COLOMBO (R) - Sri days, the military source town, with estimates from said. He added that the town had probably been mined and booby-trapped by flee-ing LTTE cadres, who are fighting for a homeland in the north and east of tropical Sri Lanka.

On Thursday the government announced that President Chandrika Kumaratunga, commanderin-chief of the armed forces, would miss Commonwealth summit in

New Zealand "due to the exigencies of the evolving situation here", prompting some analysts to wonder if the "hig push" on Jaffna was imminent.

Operation launched Riviresa on Oct. 17, pushing to within a few miles of the town centre. But official spokesmen have been ar pains to stress that troops will only go into Jaffna in their own time, as they do not want to suffer unnecessary casualties from mines.

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On Friday a senior military source said the rebels were holding back civilians in the town to increase the likelihood of casualties and a subsequent outcry overseas when the army strikes.

But the majority of rebels and civilians have fled the

100,000 to almost 500,000 refugees holed up in camps at Chavakachcheri, east of Jaffna town, and south across the Jaffna Lagoon at camps in and around Kilinochchi.

Jaffna residents arriving at Vavuniya said there were long queues at jewellery shops with people trying to sell gems to get money for food. Vegetables, flour and bread are all in short supply.

Aid agencies say Jaffna City is largely deserted. Military analysts say about 40,000 rebels and civilians may still be in the town. Two days without rain

may have helped sway the army into resuming its advance, making the transport of men and materiel easier. Dry weather also allows mortar shells to achieve their maximum destructive potential hy fragmenting instead of penerrating boggy land.

The government stressed that it has been forced into the war by the LTTE, who ended a truce in April and shunned invitations to view a "peace package" of devolution propos-

Colombo says the aim of

Tamils in the north and east from the LTTE's grip. But a Western diplomat said of the Jaffna push: "You can't liberate someone if there is no one there to liberate."

In separate incidents, troops killed four rebels in eastern Batticaloa district Thursday night, while one policeman was killed and two wounded by rebel fire in the strategic eastern port of Trincomalee, the military said.

The military estimates 1,000 rehels have been killed in three weeks of fighting on the Jaffna peninsula and puts its own losses at 221 killed and 536 wounded.

More than 50,000 people have died in the 12-year

The Sri Lankan army said more than 90 Tamil Tiger guerrillas and soldiers were killed when the armed forces resumed advance against Jaffna Friday.

Twelve soldiers and one officer were killed and 77 wounded, the military said in a statement. "Seventyeight terrorists were confirmed killed and a minimum of 200 terrorists are estimated to have been

Jiang's visit to Seoul is seen boosting ties

BELJING (R) — China's so." President Jiang Zemin is to visit South Korea next week in a move analysts said Friday would boost fies while further cooling Beijing's comradeship with Seoul's arch-rival, Pyong-

yang. Mr. Jiang is scheduled to begin his five-day historic visit next Monday, the first trip to Seoul hy a Chinese head of state since diplomaric relations were established in 1992.

He is to meet his South Korean counterpart Kim Young-Sam to discuss security issues.

China sees South Korea as a very important partner politically and in trade told Reuters.

"It's a very clear (Chinese) decision to upgrade relations with the South," he said. "the North cannot do much to support China. The South is in a much better position to do months of 1995 surged 47.1

China and North Korea described their alliance "as close as lips and teeth" in the decades after jointly bearing back U.S. troops in the 1950-53 Korean War. The first strains in their

relationship emerged in the early 1990s when Beijing, eager to tap South Korean investment, began warming toward Seoul. This was a stinging ideological affront to Pyongyang, which regarded China as its only

main ally after the collapse of the Soviet Union. Relations soured further in 1992 when Beijing and

Seoul established diplomat-

ic relations. The Korean Chamber of Beijing said it welcomed Mr. Jiang's upcoming visit, and bilateral trade and investment was expected to

continue to flourish. The value of two-way trade in the first nine

U.S. erred in key Vietnam War decision

per cent to \$11.5 hillion from the same 1994 period. It is expected to hit \$15 hillioo for the whole of 1995. up from \$11.66 hillion in

South Korean businessmen have poured hillions of dollars into China, making it one of the top destinations for South Korean invest-

China, which embraced market reforms in the 1980s, now pays only lip service to its comradeship with North Korea, which still clings to Stalinist collectivism.

President Jiang made a rare visit to Pyoogyang's embassy in Beijing this month to attend a banquet anniversary of the North's ruling Workers Party.

"It is to show the North Koreans that they have not been forgotten," a second diplomat said of the visit. "They've tried hard to reas-

sure the North Koreans."

China is aware its influence over North Korea has waned in recent years, but it has not dumped Pyongyang altogether, analysts said.

North Korea is upset about Mr. Jiang's upcoming visit to South Korea, hut there is little they can do about it, political analysts said

"The North is pretty upset about Jiang going to Scoul," the first diplomat said.

"But the North cannot have any particular way they can put the Chinese at an advantage," he said. "They haven't got any other friends."

Chu Chang-Chun, North Korea's ambassador to China, shrugged off any significance of Mr. Jiang's Seoul trip and told reporters last month that the North "pays no attention" to the visit and that it will not affect ries between the two Communist neighbours.

Invalides plaza in paris (AFP photo) Carter to host Rwanda peace conference on Nov. 27

Turkey urges Armenia to halt nuclear plant revival

after lying idle following a it was closed due to worries

Chirac projects himself as heir to De Gaulle

He also gave France the

atom bomb in 1960. Mr.

Chirae's most controversial

move has been to resume

Others paying tribute at

Colombey were several

hundred ageing ex-mem-bers of Gen. De Gaulle's

wartime free French forces

who reminisced about the

leader who marked their

France's leading World War

ll fighter pilot who shot down 33 German planes,

recalled meeting the general

for the first time in London

when he arrived to join the

Free French Movement in

"I was petrified. He did all

the talking. He told me:

You want to be a fighter

Clostermann,

nuclear tests.

lives.

Pierre

after he took office. One

recent poll showed he had

the support of only 14 per

Polls reflect dissatisfac-

non over failure to roll back

near-record unemployment

and implement campaign

promises of tax cuts. Voters

also are concerned over

mounting violence in immi-

Polls show that Gen. De

Gaulle, who ruled in 1944-

46 and 1958-69, was the

most popular French presi-

Gen. De Gaulle Thursday as

a man of vision who fought

the Nazi occupation, led

France away from the trau-

ma of World War II and

founded the Fifth Republic

Most politicians praised

dent of modern times.

grant-inhabited suburbs.

cent of voters,

said has the full support of President Amadou Toumani ATLANTA (R) — Former U.S. President Bill Clinton Toure. South African President Jimmy Archhishop Desmond Tutu and the United Nations, will Carter said an African peace conference on the crisis in be to find ways to quell eth-

nic violence in Burundi and set the stage for the return of an estimated 3.3 million Rwandan refugees now in Zaire and Tanzania. "The presidents of Tan-

zania, Uganda and Zaire have acted as co-convenors and they've asked me to be the chief mediator and the Carter Centre to arrange this conference," he said. He will be joined as mediator hy former Mali

ANKARA (R) - Ankara been huilt in a region prone 1988 earthquake that killed

Armenia not to revive the

Metsamor-2 (reactor) in the

light of existing risks," the

Foreign Ministry said in a

The plant near the capital

Yerevan began generating

electricity again Sunday

statement.

earthquakes, urge

and former Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere also are being asked to participate.

A giant Cross of the Lorraine is formed by 800 french soldiers using flares on the

A veteran of recent peace missions to Bosnia, Haiti, Korea and Sudan, Mr. Corter will visit the socalled Great Lakes region of central Africa this month on a separate mission with his wife, Rosalynn.

They are due to arrive in Rwanda on Nov. 19, in Burundi on Nov. 20 and at in Burundi," he said.

over 25,000 people.

Armenian

spokesmen said.

The power station would

gradually increase output as

winter took hold in the

Transcaucasian republic, an

The plant was not dam-

aged by the earthquake but

government

the refugee camps in Goma, Zaire, on Nov. 21. It will be Mr. Carter's fourth visit to

pilot. Well, try not to get

killed, we'll still need peo-

ple like you after the war,"

"I replied 'oui mon gener-

al,' saluted and tried to turo

around without getting my

feet caught in the carpet,

said Mr. Clostermann, now

was towards the end of the

war and I was pretty well

decorated by then and had

decided it would be chie to

wear laced up hoots like the

look at me and said;

'Clostermann, you look as if

you're going fishing or horse riding. Get back into

uniform,' my cgo was deflated in one second.

What could I say? 'oui mon

general' as usual," he said

with a laugh.

'The general took one

World War I fighter aces.

"The second time we met

Africa this year. Carter said the region's ongoing crisis has been nearly forgotten hy the American public. "U.S. intelligence and the National Security Council say that 100 people a day are dying in Burundi. The Swedes tell me that 300 people are dying every day

Defence Secretary Robert McNamara, in a major revision of U.S. military history, said Friday Washington had

HANOI (R) — Former U.S.

erred in a key 1964 decision to escalate the Vietnam War. Mr. Menamara, who was speaking at a news confer-

ence in the Vietnamese capital, said talks Thursday between himself and Vietnam's top military tactician, General Vo Nguyen Giap, had revealed President Johnson had acted on wroog information when be used an alleged North Viemamese torpedo attack to justify the first air strikes against North Vietnam.

We were wrong. General Giap made absolutely clear, and I don't think we need any further documentation, he made absolutely clear it hadn't occurred. Had we known that at the time we wouldn't have carried out the subsequent military attack," he said.

On Aug. 2 1964 North Vietnamese torpedo boats attacked the destroyer U.S.S. Maddox in waters off northern Vietnam.

Two days later the Maddox reported a second attack prompting President Johnson to forward the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution to Congress justifying U.S. retaliatory air strikes and marking a turning point in the war.

But Mr. McNamara said General Giap had revealed the second attack on the Maddox never took place.

"(Had we known that) we wouldn't at that time have sent up to the Congress the resolution that ultimately was used as the authority for the expansion of military operations in South

East Asia.

"Would that have changed the course of the war? You can't say for sure. I think that resolution would have gone up later... But clearly there was a major event on which we were in error." Mr. McNamara, 79,

resigned as defence secretary in 1968 after overseeing the U.S. military buildup in Indochina. In memoirs published in August this year he sparked heated debate in the United States by saying Washington had been "terribly wrong" to continue the war beyond 1963.

His return to Vietnam, two decades after the war ended, is ostensihly to set up a joint U.S.-Vietnamese seminar aimed at re-examining the events of a war which cost more than 58,000 American lives and left more than four

McNamara million Vietnamese dead or

injured. Mr. McNamara said be had received support for the conference plan from Vietnamese officials and was hoping the event could he held in Hanoi in late

However he denied his return mission to Vietnam was connected to personal feelings of guilt, hinted at in his memoirs, for a conflict which became known in the 1960s as McNamara's War.

"We all make mistakes in life and I am not trying to atone for mine. This isn't the only error of judgement I have made. It's not atonement," he said.

Mr. McNamara's three day visit to Vietnam was due to end later Friday.

Seoul prosecutors mull summoning Roh again

SEOUL (R) - State prose- fund scandal, said the proscutors said Friday they were considering summoning disgraced ex-President Roh Tae-Woo again after questioning heads of South Korea's top husiness conglomerates over his \$654 million slush fund.

"Former President Roh Tae-Woo can be resummoned for more questioning," senior prosecutor Ahn Kang-Min told reporters. Local media and many

political commentators have speculated that summoning Roh again would be a prelude to his arrest. This would make him the first South Korean head of state, serving or retired, to face criminal action. The daily Maeil Kyungje

quoted government sources as saying Mr. Roh would be arrested on Nov. 20. Mr. Ahn, who is leading

the inquiry into the slush

ecution had not decided whether Mr. Roh would be summoned again. Late last month Mr. Roh.

62, tearfully confessed that he amassed \$654 million during his 1988-1993 term in office through donations from big business conglomerates.

When Mr. Roh was summoned for the first time last week, he told prosecutors that he either could not reveal or did not remember how he amassed and concealed the slush fund.

Mr. Ahn said Friday the prosecutors ordered five more business moguls. including the chairmen of Sunkyong Kia and Kumbo Groups, to appear before them to find out if they offered money to Mr. Roh as kickhacks for lucrative

state projects. Sunkyong head Chey

Jong-Hyun is Mr. Roh's relarive by marriage.

Mr. Ahn said the chairman of the giant Daewoo Group which is alleged to have helped Mr. Roh convert some \$39 million in his false-name bank accounts into real-name accounts, would be called in Sunday or Monday.

He said Dong Bang Group Chairman Shin Myoung-Soo, whose daughter is married to Mr. Roh's son, left the prosecutors' office Friday morning after being grilled for more than 48 hours over allegations that be and Mr. Rob were partners in property specula-100.

Prosecutors suspect that Mr. Rob bought two luxury office huildings in Seoul under the names of two of the Dong Bang Group subsidiaries. Mr. Ahn said Friday Mr. Roh was also

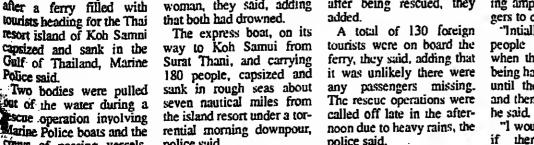
suspected of huying another building in the capital.

Mr. Roh has said he kept \$242 million when he left the presidential Blue House. Prosecutors were trying to find out whether the money was used for real estate speculation.

They are particularly interested to know how Mr. Roh's relatives were involved and whether they helped him syphon off money to secret bank accounts in Switzerland, Mr. Ahn said.

Meanwhile, the heads of six business conglomerates, including Hanjin and Hanwha were called in to the prosecutors' office

Friday for questioning. Since Sunday, the heads or founders of 24 leading conglomerates have been grilled at the prosecutor general's office over the fund scandal.



By Dr. Musa Keilani

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Enabling majority to win

HIS MAJESTY King Hussein's speech to senior officers of the armed, security and intelligence forces ou Thursday has raised many important questions which require adequate reflection and deliberation. Two primary developments obviously lay behind what the King had to say. One is the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rahin last week at the hands of an apparently organised Israeli extremist group nurtured on hate, extremism and fanaticism; and the other is related to the internal scene here in Jordan where a group of vociferous ultranationalists seems to have succeeded in dominating the debate over Jordan's relationship to its own citizens, mainly from Palestinian origin.

The King has rightly noted that the Israeli tolerance of Jewish fundamentalism and untionalistic fanaticism succeeded in nurturing a climate of hate that culminated in the killing of Mr. Rabin. One natural conclusion to be drawn from the Monarch's timely reminder about the need to respect certain red lines that should never be trespassed is the pressing desire to revitalise the so-called silent majority, something the King alluded to with force. Only through the activation of the majority would there be an opportunity to check the tyranny of the outspoken minority.

Yet this quest for a robust role for the majority is easier said than done. How to rally the people of this country on the side of national unity, peace, development and stability calls for hard work on the part of the government. Assuming that the opinions of the majority on key policy considerations can be easily identified, it remains to be seen how their views can be rallied to support principal policy guidelines, such as peace with Israel.

There are several options available to Jordanians to attain this objective. One way lies in broadening the base of the government. There are important sectors of the public that are not represented in the Cabinet. Another way is to rearticulate a new sense of citizenship based on contemporary criteria. We have many people who are unnecessarily alienated. In this vein, we would like to see the concerns of the King what constitutes Jordanianism as reaffirmed in his latest speech translated into deeds forthwith. The Monarch had repeatedly drawn attention to this issue and even personally intervened to rectify wrong policies and practices on nationality rights. A minority of us immediately attacked the attempts to redress this problem and presumed that they have a hirthright obligation to do so because their narrow perspectives and interests had been allowed to penetrate society without a counter effort to reach out to the population as a whole. Why all the calls for treating all Jordanians on equal terms have been left unimplemented is something that causes us deep concern. This kind of omission obviously erodes majority participation in shaping the future of the

This is not to mention the other dimensions of discrimination that still exist amongst our society without succeeding in triggering a concerted gov-

Of all concerns, however, the role of the mass media in healing or causing this malaise must be appermost on our minds. If we take the example of Israel, it was the free-for-all situation which the Rabin government had allowed that ended up fanning and disseminating hate propaganda that culminated in the assassination of the prime minister. All democratic nations have laws governing hate propaganda. International law obligates all states to legislate against the spreading of hate reports. We are all for drawing a line that freedom of speech and expression must not be allowed to cross. Expressions of opinion calling for incitement to ethnic or religious conflicts are clearly unlawful under all systems of government worlddwide. Still the media cannot do much better than the society it serves. If the majority of a people is silent on support for certain policy issues, the press will end np being silent as well. Only through deepening the democratic process would there be room for the majority to make their weight felt in the press or the decision-making process.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

A COLUMNIST in Al Ra'i on Friday said there was no need for people to worry about schemes being drawn for the Middle East region. Fahd Al Fanek said the people of the region should have no fear since they have nothing to lose hut backwardness, poverty, disunity and dictatorships. He said even the enemies of the Middle East cannot imagine a situation for this region worse than the current one. It is no secret that the economic and social conditions of the region, which was once called the Arab World, is the worst in the world, with the exception of the Black Africa region. "Our solace has always been that there is a region other than ours taking the last spot in terms of economic development, hut our fear is that we are about to lose our unenviable place," said Dr. Fanek. He said the last spot for the Middle East was inevitable now after France pledged to offer generous assistance to the African nations, declaring that aid allocated through the European Union (EU) to Africa will even exceed that allotted by Germany and Britain in space of the economic hardships it was facing. The writer quoted the French minister of overseas development as saying that economic growth in Africa was about five per cent annually and that they have surpluses in their trade

Jordanian Perspective

Giving credit where it is due

AS THE reverbations of the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin continue to rock the Middle East, there is no definite parameter to judge the street reaction in Jordan to the murder of a man who largely symbolised the hope of many for peace in the region at large, with comprehensive solution to Israel's conflicts with its Arab neighbours.

But there is no denial of the fact that there is a sense of loss, albeit not necessarily on a personal level, among Jordanians regardless of their political beliefs. After all, for us in Jordan, the Oct. 26 peace treaty with Israel not only restored to us our full territorial and water rights, but also gave the entire region a strong impetus to economic development that should eventually reflect on our daily lives.

The sense of loss stems from the realisation that Mr. Rabin was not simply a military-officer-turned-politician who found it fitting his political ambitions to make peace with the Arabs. Let us not forget that the late Israeli leader's dedication to the course of peace with the Arabs was the precise reason that led to his assassination by a fellow Israeli and that Israeli settlers celebrated the death of their prime minister whom they saw as bringing about their eviction from their colonies in occupied Arab

There is also a minority among us in Jordan that rejoiced over the death of Mr. Rabin, who, according to this minority's belief, had done unpardonable injustices to the Palestiniaos. Well, everyone is entitled to his or her free, independent opinion, but no one is free to impose his or her views on others, but it would be only fair and just to give credit where it is due.

A pragmatic view of the demise of Mr. Rabin will

make it clear that the death of the Israeli prime minister is indeed a loss to Jordan. But we have to raise above the clouds of the past to reach that judgement, supported by historical logic and a vision of the future.

It cannot be denied that Mr. Rabin had led his country to wars that saw Israel occupying Arab territory and depriving the Arabs and Palestinians of their rights. But are we going to hold that against him even in his grave, and overlook the fact that Mr. Rahin was the Israeli leader who accepted the inevitability of making peace with the Arabs and Palestinians on the basis of returning territory? Should we have been content to dealing with the likes of Yitzhak Shamir and Ariel Sharon in the Middle East peace process that was launched four years but showed no sign of getting anywhere until Mr. Rabin and his confidant, Shimon Peres, appeared on the Isracli political scene?

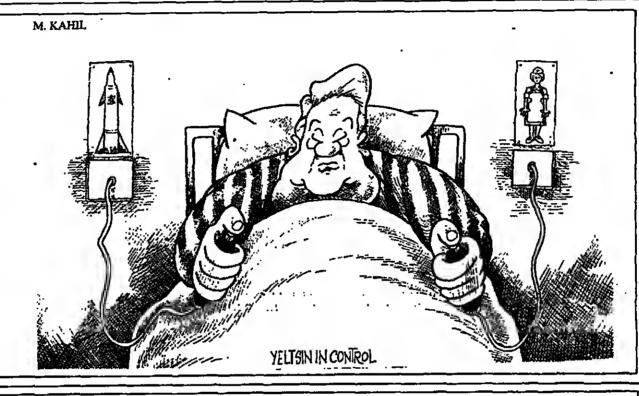
Are we in Jordan holding the "shortcomings" of the Oslo agreements between Israel and the Palestinians against Mr. Rabin while ignoring the fact that the agreements were independently concluded between the sole and legitimate representatives of the Palestinian people and the Israeli government? Isn't it unjustifiable to expect Jordan, which regained its full rights from Israel, to continue to live in an atmosphere clouded by the decisions taken by others on their own fate and

We in Jordan paid a dear price for the fallout of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict since 1947. Are we expected to continue to pay the price simply because Israel and another independent party, with no influence or pressure from our side, opted for their own course towards

For the man on the Jordanian street, it should be a strong reminder that Mr. Rabin understood the complexities of not only making peace but also keeping it and building on it, and if the man's vision would come true it would mean an improvement of life on the Jordanian street.

It came as a surprise to many in Jordan to hear Mr. Rabin arguing Jordan's case for assistance io Europe and the United States before and after the signing of the Oct. 26 peace treaty. But then, it should oot have been a surprise for those who really understood Mr. Rabin's approach to peace with Jordan and appreciated his belief that signing a peace treaty did not mean much unless accompanied by a qualitative change in the lives of the people. Granted that there is strong political motivation for Israel to ensure that peace means an uplifting of life for Jordanians if they were to be expected to cherish and maintain that peace? But does not negate the very approach adopted by Mr. Rabin?

Those who argue that the death of Mr Rabin served the Arab cause do not seem to understand the philosophy of peace. For decades, we in Jordan were waiting for an Israeli leader with political vision to see that military might was not the answer to his country's "security" concerns and that the real answer was through accepting that Arab territory had to be returned and Arab rights had to be respected. And that leader came in the form of Mr. Rabin. It will be gross injustice to label Mr. Rabin a killer and completely side-step his achievements in terms of advancing the region towards the cherished dream of peace and stability.



THE WEEK IN PRINT

Enemies of peace should not be allowed to prevail

Reviewed by Elia Nasrallah

THE ARAB press last week discussed and analysed the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and its effects on the future of the peace process. The Arabic dailies also tackled a number domestic affairs.

A writer in Al Ra'i daily said that with his death, Yitzhak Rahin bas achieved the most significant political victory on the domestic level and the tragic event could signal the start of a genuice transformation in Israel's position, shifting it towards a just peace with the Arabs. Tareq Masar-weh said that Israel could not have attracted so many of the world's leaders for the burial of its prime minister had it not displayed to the world community its determination to abandon the gains made through military occupation and its tendency to make peace with the Arabs. The Israeli society must have realised. the message that the leaders of the world came to Israel in order to reaffirm their support for peace and for Israel's determination to end the cycle of hostility and violence, said the writer. The late Israel prime minister's policies, added the writer, showed the world that Israel has decided to give up military occupation and to become part of the new Middle East and to recognise the rights of the Palestinians io their Palestinian homeland. This tendency won Rabin this great support from worldleaders because he bad decided with great courage to free Israel from the historic ghetto and the illusioo of

military might. Hamadeh Faraaneh, a writer in Al Dustour, criticised those who rejoiced over the killing of the Israeli Prime Minister, hands of the Jewish settlers

could from now on be

directed against Jews and could unleash a wave of

violence uoprecedented in

the Jewish state's history.

Mousa Barhoumeh, a writer io Al Ra'i, blamed the extremist groups and fanatics for the killing of the saying that these elements have practically sbowed Israeli premier, saying that the tragie event could mark their opposition to Israel's withdrawal from the Arab the beginning of deep splits within the Israeli society. lands. It must be emphasised that Rabin was mur-The writer said that the dered because he bad Israeli society should have accepted the principle of woken up to the fact that negotiating with the repreterrorist groups were pre-paring for a disaster to the sectatives of the Palestinian people and because he rec-Jewish state when a Jewish ognised the Palestine Lisettler gunned down scores heratioo Organisatioo (PLO) and wanted to end the idea of greater Israel. of worshippers at the Ibrahimi Mosque io Hebron. Saying that the killing of Those who rejoiced over Rabin's death io Lebanon, Rahin has opened wide the eyes of the Israeli society Damascus or Amman have practically showed their about the terrorist groups and their actions, the writer opposition to Israel's withsaid the Israeli government should undertake drastic drawals, for which Rabin has paid with his life, conmeasures against the oppotinued the writer. It is true neots of peace and should that Rahin had caused the be ready to face the coming death of many, but his danger. death should not be cause Sultan Al Hattab, a wrifor dancing and rejoicing because this does not serve ter in Al Ra'i, called on the

anyone's cause, he said. The writer said that those Arab members in the Israeli parliament, the Palestice who are true io safeguard-National Authority as well ing the Arab Nation's inas Jordan and Egypt to extend full support to Shimon terests are dealt with this Peres and help him to go event with a realistic approach and objectively.

A writer in Al Ra'i said ahead in the peace process. The writer said that these parties must help the acting the arming of the Jewish premier to carry out settlers under the pretext of Rabin's plans of giving back helping them to use the to the Palestinians their weapons for self-defence lands and their towns. was a wrong policy all along. Laila Al Hmoud said According to the writer, Peres is bound to follow in that the settlers have used the footsteps of his predethe weapons to kill the decessor and could even take fenceless Palestinians and faster steps towards speedthese weapons have now ing up the Israeli forces been directed against the withdrawal in implementa-Israeli leaders. The assassin tion of the Taba agreement. who killed Rabin for mak-Peres, said the writer, has a ing peace with the Palestigood chance to give an imoians would have very petus to the peace process moch liked to use his on all tracks and about the weapon to kill Palestinians. hostile camp's attempts to continued the writer. She said that the weapons in the

disrupt the peace process. Writing under the title of the enemies of peace under the spotlight,' a writer in Al Ra'i said that the Israeli government ought to follow the advice of the politicians in the Jewish state who have now called for disarming the settlers as a first step to stem the power of the peace opponents. Mobmoud Rimawi said that there is even need for the government to embark on a policy of urging and later forcing the settlers to give up their settlements in the. Arab lands and go back to Israel if the peace process is to take its course. The writer said the Israelis should realise that the opponents of peace are terrorists who form a real waiting for a chance to terminate the peace, process. These enemies, numbering around 100,000, are armed to the teeth and they are the real terrorists whose eviction from their settlements was demanded by wise Israelis in the wake of the cold hlooded murder of Muslim worshippers in Hebron.

In the view of Taher Al Adwan, a columnist in Al Dustour, the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin dealt a real blow to the drive to attract investments to the Middle East. The writer said that concerned governments in the region and those which participated in the Amman economic summit are urged to double their efforts to show the world community that the peace process will continue unperturbed. He said the government of Shimon Peres should take speedy steps to implement the Taba agreement with the Palestinians and also take practical steps to revive the negotiations with the Sy-

A columnist in Al Dustour said that the ruling Labour Party in Israel should not waste any time but should rather try with all its might to utilise the assassination of Rabin to mobilise popular support

The lesson of Algeria

By Gwynne Dyer

QUESTION: What should you do when you think that the people who are going to win a democratic election are not democrats?

Answer: Let them win. They might not hold another election when the scheduled time rolls around, which would then make them antidemocratic. If you cancel this one, you are already anti-democratie. And you may also be starting a civil

In January, 1992, the Algerian government cancelled the country's firstever free elections because looked certain to win, and practically every Western and Arab government tacitly backed its decision. Even then, it seemed a sbortsighted and hypocritical policy. In retrospect, it looks like criminal stupid-

Prime Minister Mokdad Sifi says the presidential vote on Nov. 16 will enable Algeria to find "a true democracy where you don't kill somebody who thinks differently than you." But the only candidates are President Lamine Zeronal (a former general), and three non-entities from government-approved par-

All the real political forces in the country, including the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) that would have won the 1992 election, are boyeotting the poll. And the armed Islamie groups that sprang up to oppose the regime after 1992 have promised to bomb the polling stations and kill people who try to There has already been a

great deal of killing in

Algeria, and since July the bombings have spread to

France, where the Islamic militants accuse the French government of backing the military regime in Algiers. fo a wonderful irony, President Zeroual then refused to speak to French President Jacques Chirac in a scheduled meeting in New York last month because he was unwilling to take "les-sons in political behaviour" from France. (Mr. Chirac, to placate the French left, had annoonced that he would urge Mr. Zeroual to

lim militants). Damned if you do, and damned if you don't. You almost feel sorry for the French, coping with a terrorist bombing campaign to punish them for backing the Algerian regime, while its leader publicly snubs them. But your pity would be dis-

compromise with the Mus-

The truth is that the French government richly deserves to be punished for its role in Algeria. It is a shame that Parisian commoters are losing their legs or their lives in bomb attacks because of their

placed.

is not surprising.
But Muslim fun-

damentalist movements are not inherently violent. Mostly, they turn to violence when the normal political avenues to power have

all been blocked. They were not violent in Algeria, despite 30 years of misrule and corruption by the heirs of the National Liberation Front (FLN) that won the war for independence from France in 1962. And there were good prospects for a smooth transition to a post-FLN democratic system, because the last FLN ruler, General Chadli Benjedid, had responded to bloody antigovernment riots in 1988 by promising free elections.

And he delivered. The first round of voting in late 1991 went off very well except that the FIS came out ahead. That was wheo the panic set in, for the fundamentalist party seemed certaio to win an absolute majority in the

second round. So Mr. Chadli was forced to resign, and a clique of hardline generals seized power (after assuring themselves of the tacit support of France and other Western and Arab countries) and cancelled the elections. They are still in power to-

There was never any evidence that the FIS would han further elections if it won. In any case, servants of the old regime that had refused to risk free elections in Algeria for the previous three decades had no right to cast doubt on their opponents' motives. The whole thing stank of panic and prejudice - and the result was to pitch Algeria into a civil war that now rivals Sri Lanka for the title of the most lethal conflict

on the planet. Lots of reasons are offered for France's backing for the Algerian military. There are already some five million Muslim immigrants in France, over half of them Algerians, and Paris feared that a fundamentalist victory in the Algerian elections would unleash an unstoppable new wave of

But if the FIS had come to power peacefully and legally, there would have been no refugees. Many members of the educated and secularised middle class io Algeria would have hated the petty restrictions the FIS would have been sure to impose, but that doesn't mean they coold

claim refugee status. Whereas if the fundamentalists win now or in the future, there will be up to a million refugees from Algeria with legitimate reason to fear their lives. After so much killing, there would be drastic retribution against those the fundamentalists see as enc-

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King: Democracy shouldn't become vehicle to destroy national unity

Following is the text of His Majesty King Hussein Thursday at the Royal Medical Services Centre to senior military, public security, and intelligence officers. The translation was provided by the Jordan News Agency, Petra.

I thank the chief of staff for his welcoming speech on hehalf of the Royal Jordanian Armed Forces, the Arab legion and all those you here represent. I hope you would convey to all your colleagues, the officers, the non commissioned officers and the privates my thanks, and that of Jordan, my gratitude, and that of Jordanians for all that you gave, through time, for being the shield of the homeland and its hope, the trustworthy to carry Jordan's message, the righteous soldiers defending the dignity of the Kingdom and its right to live and its

stands under all circumstances and conditions, defending this country, the heir and bearer of the Great Arab Revolt this country which will remain dignified. God willing, by the awareness and loyality of its men whom you represent at this Gratitude goes to you. for all your efforts and

sleepless nights that you spent preparing for the hosting of the Amman economic summit, the capital of agreement and reconciliation, which led effecuvely to the summit's success, making our country, Jordan, well known to all as a powerful and notable country aspiring for the future in confidence and in hope. This country which works in determination to be always and forever an example and a model.

Many of those who visited Jordan came to our country for the first time. It served as an opportunity for numerous meetings on different levels; officials, state and international organisation's representatives, and businessmen and private sector representatives who came from all over the world. During that event a large number of media representatives came to Jordan to cover the mae ... jor event from all over the world. Thank God, we only heard phrases of appreciation and admiration for the standards of preparation. and for the warm reception and hospitality they received, and also the great effort which was exerted to

chances to embark, in the foreseeable future, on the renaissance we aspire for nationally and regionally in the economic field, to start establishing the many fruitful ventures facilitating opportunities for our young people and our citizens to live a life they have been denied for a long time in the different circumstances. that prevailed in the past.

Thank God for what was achieved. We are full of trust and hope in a promising future. God willing. Concerning the Armed

Forces, it is our pride and joy. It is the hope. All its members represent the ultimate in awareness, loyality and contribution to the land of Jordan, These days witnessed

grave events that we all heard of and were affected by. It gave our minds room for revision of many stances, to look deeply into the reality that we live. We must recognise, espe-

cially after the economie summit, that many people showed admiration and appreciation for this country. Admiration for its contributions, its sincerity, its honesty and the integrity of its people.

There was no newspaper in this world that did not laud this eountry's achievements, no official or visitor who did not pay tribute to Jordan and its accomplishments no one who did not feel that this country is far bigger than its size and its

On the national level, however, this event did not receive the appropriate echo that promises of a hopeful future, selfconfidence and appreciation of what was achieved and accomplished. This phenomena we have been suffering from for a long time. This country which gave and still is giving coninuously deserves more from its writers, its media. its press and journalists.

and its citizens. On the people's level. I'm full of appreciation. gratitude, admiration, and confidence and peace of mind. The great majority of the people are with this country, believing in it, holding on to it and cherishing what it has achieved

and presented always, and being at the lead in doing

The masses expressed themselves on more than one occasion, I want til assure you and pledge before you my determination to continue serving those pure and honest citizens whose foreheads would remain high in dignity. This good men of the south, the north and the heartland, of the desert and in the green valley. Those good men from which our army comes from, which our armed forces are formulated: from the cities, the badias and all locations and posts.

I mean the silent majority in contrast to the few loud voices of bad omen, heralding havoc, destruction, despair, and frustration. These voices that live in darkness and illusion, and the forces driving them from behind and enforcing them. But the goodness renains in this country ond in its people.

The recent event that occured in our region, and I mean by it the fall of a soldier of peace who paid dearly for his helief in peace, and for his quest to reach this peace and realise it. This event opened before us the many dimensions that needs to be thought thoroughly and which did not receive enough attention in the

One of our papers wrote "one less killer". I think, as any honest man should, the killers are one more. The man who wrote this was not there when this soldier. serving his country, regardless of our position at that time, secured his biggest military achievements before shifting to the ranks of peace warriors to work for

the cause of peace.
It was said then that it was fortunate that the killer came from a certain group of people and a certain nationality. But it is now time to say that all terrorists, regardless of their nationality, stance or ideology, are all the same; and of the same creed. They are the enemies of life, ethics, people and mankind, stabil-

ity, security, and peace.
It was also said that what happened there (in Israel) was a result of democracy and freedom, and because people there enjoy rights that led to a situation that made someone do what he did with the support of a minority. Al this point I

would stop commenting on what happened there lo look into what happened

here. I would like to remind my hrothers, my brother the prime minister who enjoys my trust and great hope, my hmther the Crown Prince, my brothers the officers and the commanders here, that if these circumstances led to what happened there, we are living similar circumstances and emotions herc. Democracy does not

mean, in any way, crossing the red lines, destroying national unity, destroying what is worth something. and underestimating the achievements of this country towards its persistant citizens, the real genuine men. I have said it before. maybe in this same hall, that I don't feel that there is a media, either on the official or the media in general, that belongs to this country defending it or its achievements, reflecting the eol-ourful image of this country or heralding its bright reality. I only find a process, of continued destruction and demolition from the inside

are full of low meanoeuvres. destructive articles, and contempt for this country and leadership. This country which sacrificed, gave, presented always in abundance, this country which was a home and a refuge for anyone who wanted to be secure on an Arab land; a home for its Arab brothers who sought stability, tranquility and security and always found our doors wide open for

 These writings manifest a racist view raising its ugly head and contrasting fully with what dwells in our hearts, souls, and conscien-

Some are saying that the leadership is favouring the Palestinians at the expense of Jordanians. Some even went to say that the leadership is a stranger to Jordan. What is Jordan? This Jordan was built by this leadership, by you and with you. This leadership saved this Jordan from conspiracies that were plotted against it. This Jordan is now a model and an example for all Arabs. Some are

"There is the camp of darkness, death, havoc and destruction, and there is the camp of life, peace, security and stability. I belong to the latter camp."

in order for this county to fall, God willing, this country will not fall.

Rats have come out from their holes. Observers of what happened in the reeent past should have noticed what I have said carefully. I'm not Muammar Oadhafi and Jordan is not Libva. Jordan does not deal with its people like Oadhafi deals with his Palestinian brothers and folks who are guests in his country. We do not do that because we are all citizens in this country, citizens in solidarity and unity. We called for the reform of some shortcomings which we realised existed such as denying some Jordanians their citizenship which they deserve due to their long belonging to this country. Some of them were treated in an in-appropriate way. 1 have said it before that anyone who seeks to harm or hinder the national unity of this country in anyway is my enemy ull the day of judgement. I don't know if any of my brothers here read the

cheap newspapers. They

criticising and some are giving speeches. Some are abusing pulpits and platforms assigned for preaching wisely for what is rightcous, and what is good.

Some are criticising what we have done in accordance with what our duty tells us to do towards those who ecoperated with us in realising peace, and with whom we enterd a clear and candid dialogue to regain our land and our water on the bases of the stand we adopted since 1967.

This continued till our Palestinian brothers decided to act by themselves to gain their self determination concerning their own affairs and in accordance with their circumstances. This stance, which did not accept to compromise an inch of Palestinian land or any of its people's rights on their national soil.

When the issue was out of our hand in accordance with the wishes of our Palestinian brothers, the Arabs, the Muslims, and the whole world, and when

all those who set forth before us, and those who commanded and sacrificed on the path of peace, and when we all moved towards peace after a decision that was adopted here by those who represent our people in all its spectra, and those who were elected in their posts. in a huge national gathering, and after our brothers (the Palestinians) moved out from under the umbrella to face the sunlight after all of this had happened, we marehed to save our land, our water, our right, and the right of this

country to live. As you all remember at the beginning, there was talk of signing peace then discussing details. We re-fused and he (Yitzhak Rabin) accepted our view point. Then there was the long road and the great

efforts of everyone until a just and honourable peace was reached. Our rights were restored and we are now on the threshold of moving to a prosperous future. God willing. There was a relation that was established, a friendship. and the enemy was turned into a dear friend with God's will. Then the man fell- and we recognised all the man's deeds as he did ours. I must say that he admired this army and this country, its heroism and its manhood in every meeting with him and all of his companions. Now there are some who blame us for paying our last respects for him or for having shaken

his hand, A vice president of an Arab country sent a letter to my brother Sharif Zeid saying that you were my friend but it is not honourable for him to shake the hand that shook Rabin's hand. We are not honoured to shake their hands because they only sec their interest, believe in nothing but themselves, and work only for themsevies. Because they are too cowardly to shoulder their responsibilities, and to work in the service of this nation's future to save this Arab people anywhere from what they suffer.

When it comes to the threshhold of the new era of our life of building and giving. I hope that the government, with all of our support, and trust would succeed in its tasks in the coming future. All of my thanks go to the government in preparing for the summit

and making it a success, for the continuous care of my brother Hassan, and for the efforts in the economic field of this country.

But, as an advice from a big brother, I call upon the silent majority to have its say in all of this foolishness. To stand in the face of the powers of darkness, to reflect the genuine image of this country and its people, resembling that manifestation when I was destined to recover from a dangerous disease. And when I came back

there was a manifestation that I would never forget and would always serve as my motive as long as I live to work for the best of this people and its future through giving opportuni-ties to all the men and women of Jordan in a promising future. Let me say it honestly and clearly: Do not destroy in the name of democracy. Don't abuse tolerance to desiroy this

democracy. We all aim in this country that everyone would rise to the occasion where Jordanians would achieve their aspirations and ambitions. to shoulder their responsibility and to face the challenges and dangers. Don't meet the good of this country with ingratitude. Don't be mean and remember what this country has given you and has accomplished for you. This country, regardless of anything, is powerful and capable of putting any one who wants to harm it in his place.

This country's method is tolcrance, and even now I'm hopeful that people would go back to the straight path. This could be their last chance to reconsider. There is the camp of darkness, dcath, havoc and destruction, and there is the camp of life, peace, security and stability. I belong to the latter camp in all my energics and capabilities in fullfilment of my duty towards the future generations. Ask my brothers at the Higher Council for the interpretation of the constitution, or any body or any of those who took decisions through dialogue and through what should have been done on the official or public levels and their representatives to judge in two fields. The first is this press and this bad and defaming media. The press and media of this country should portray this country and the true feelin order to be fair towards this country concerning the hizzare and the strange that

exist in the press.
It seems that our hopes were bigger than our realities when we eliminated all limits, and made the severest punishment for any wrongdoer or defamer to this country a mere JD 1,000 if convicted. Controls and curbs should be put. Reconsidering of punishment against those harming ethics and morals should be applied. This is not the standard we wanted, nor it is the quality we wished our press would enjoy in the era of democracy, freedom and respect for human rights in this country.

Concerning the unions and the sheikhs of our association we ask: Do they aet constitutionally? Do they represent the thousands of this country's young men? Do they serve the professions they claim they represent? Should this incorrect situation continue? Where is the line between politics and profession? Why not leave politics to politicians and those who are chosen by the people to represent them in their respected councils? Do these few who are not appreciative have the right to forbid engineers or doctors for example from participating in the forthcoming renaissance? Is this democracy of dictatorship?

These conditions make it imperative to speak openly and dearly to our brothers and sons and people. I call upon all to pay attention to all that is going on. Cooperate on what is righteous, not on what is evil. Let us build this country and serve this nation. "Let's fullfil its aspirations and hopes as possible as can be. As for me. I was only a child when the founder of this Kingdom Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein, my grandfather, fell as he was at peace with himself in an extraordinary way. He went to meet his Lord a martyr. When my hour comes. I hope it would be like that of Abdullah Ibn

Al Hussein. We don't fear anyone's blame in what is right. We don't fear any one's blame in what is right. Destiny is up to God. I would always be, to the last moment of my life, there for you, from you and with you, to satisfy my conscience and work for Allah's will whom I look forward to meet with my book in my right. God bless vou all.

Parliament pledges action

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make Jordan known to all.

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"which was planted by the King in the soil of this country and in the minds of its citizens, is an irrevocable choice and is a means by the people to monitor, question and correct so as to make Jordan stronger."

It said the progress of the democratisation process requires continuous review in order to address defects and check excesses so as to protect democracy from any attempt to violate the Coostitution.

F"Experience has proved that the choice of our leader to notives. The open the door for resuming e — and the night since our country and pitch Algeria the region passed through difwar that now ficult tests such as the Gulf ika for the oth war, the peace process and the lethal conflid economie reform programme and Jordan emerged from reasons att these erises stronger and France's back firmer," read the statement.

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The statement stressed the importance of national unity, describing it as the secret of

the Kingdom's strength. The statement continued that all holders of Jordanian nationality were Jordanian ciuzens with equal rights and duties regardless of their origins. "Shedding suspicions over that fact is a violation of the Constitution and is a behaviour amounting to the level of outlawed sedition," it

asserted.

It added that no one had the right to revoke the nationality of another person or express mistrust of the others' allegiances and feelings of belonging and said such behaviour was a violation of human rights principles and is in contravention of the simplest religious, national and constitutional codes.

The statement underlined the importance of supporting both Jordanian and Palestinian national identities until the Palestinian entity is created and until citizens ean make a voluntary choice in determining the kind of relationship between the Jordanian and Palestinian

It stressed that the government's measures to grant West Bankers Jordanian passports had no political implications, but were administrative measures aiming at helping Palestinians as had always been the case. "Jordan has persistently sought to enable our Palesunian brethren to secure their legiumate national identity and rights and did its utmost to bury the subsutute homeland illusion and stop evicting Palestinians from their homeland," said

the statement. It said professional associations and unions were necessary national institutions which have certain goals and duties set by their bye-laws which should not be violated, adding that political work is

the right of all citizeos as guaranteed by the

Constitution. The Consultation, it eonuinued, is the ultimate reference which determines the suitable

political platforms. "As the House stresses the Kingdom's national achievements and the prominent international status attained by the kingdom, it declares that it will work on correcting all that needs to be addressed in the field of legislation to ensure having more responsible democratic practices and social justice and to ensure security and stability in response for the leader's call and the nation's needs," the state-

"Those propagating sedition, despair, misery, regionalism, intellectual terrorism and mobilising against religious, national and constitutional values and principles will be dealt with by law and by the Jordanian judiciary, which is known for its distinguished integrity."

Also on Friday, deputies, political activists and parties expressed their support for King Hussein's speech. Abdullah Ensour, head of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Lower House, said the

King had reiterated his calls for maintaining national unity and wamed of dangers posed by excesses on the part of some people who claim to be advocates for the right, at a time when they were working for their own interests.

Mr Ensour said that such excesses had nothing to do with democracy but were some forms of terrorism and brutal-Mr. Ensour said the King's

speech was timely because it

came at a time when the coun-

try had started shaping its

own future clearly. On the role of professional associations, Mr. Ensour said that the associations had played a good role in the absence of parliamentary life | were already in Jenin as civi-

and political parties, but now that parliament and politicat parties were in place, such as-

sociations should not play any political role, nor impose their political opinions on their members. He called on the associations to observe the law governing their activities, saying that the law should not be violated nor abused.

Kamel Abu Jaber, member of age and its achievements. the Upper House of Parliament and former foreign minister, said King Hussein had called for an in-house solution to some of the excesses in accordance with the rules in force. He noted that the King ealled oo the Higher Council for the

some of these rules. Dr. Abu Jaber stressed the need to respect democracy and to observe democratic rules and regulations. Democracy has never been taken to mean non-observance of laws or infringing upon general freedoms or causing harm to any individual or group, he said. "In my view, the King's sneech was a reminder to the nation of the noble meanings of democracy, and a call for observing democratic rules and respecting the counter opinion," Dr. Abu Jaber said. He added that throughout its history Jordan had never allowed anyone to be killed for

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Dua'a said Jordan will remain a strategie reserve for its Arab Nation. Jordan has set an example for the region in terms of respect for democracy and human rights, the statement said. Any attempt to belittle or undermioe Jordan's role is not but a conspiracy against this country, it added.

The Liberal Party said King political reasons nor had it achievements.

The Al Ahd Party expressed support for the King's speech and called for finding the legal and constitutional solutions to protect Jordan's democratic march and ensure respect of democratic values, in addition to stopping all excesses, and aborting all at-

The Arab Islamic Democratic Movement (Dua'a) voiced support for the Kiog's speech and appreciation to him for charting the way for the Jordanians to follow.

Hussein had put the record straight by elearly warning of the dangers posed by the excesses on the part of those who try to offend Jordan's values and beliefs. The party called on the government to take the necessary measures to deter those who might think of tampering with the security of the country or undermining its role and

Rifkind reaffirms support

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ings of its men and women

main in force for "many Mr. Rifkind, visiting Jor-

dan on a Middle East tour. said a ban on all Iraqi exports, including oil, and all imports except food and medicine was part of a "containment policy" needed to proteet Bagbdad's neigb-He said an end to sanctions

was "entirely dependent on the compliance of the Iraqi regime with U.N. resolutions, for as long as they refuse to comply with U.N. requirements it will be necessary to continue sanctions." "Sadly it could mean for many years," he told repor-ters. "We bope that would not be necessary, but it depends on the behaviour of the government in Baghdad." The U.N. Security Council

on Wednesday extended sauctions imposed on Iraq since it invaded Kuwait in

Mr. Rifkind said there was strong agreement in talks on Thursday with King Hussein "that sadly Iraq, Saddam Hussein's regime in particular, continues to represent a threat to the peace of the region."

He said Iraq's admission after the defection of a senior

official to Jordan in August that it bad been developing biological weapons ruled out an early end to sanctions. "Against that background, I believe it is inconceivable

that sanctions at this moment

in time could be lifted by the United Nations," be said. The emir of Kuwait said his country would support any joint Arab initiative to belo relieve the suffering of the embargo-hit Iraqi people, in an interview published Fri-

Kuwait approves of any collective Arab initiative to ease the suffering of the Iraqi people," Sbeikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah told the Egyptian government daily Al Ahram. The Kuwaiti contribution

to this bumanitarian initiative would be in the form of food and medical aid rather than money which the Iraqi regime could use to buy new weapons and threaten the people of Kuwait," the emir

Kuwait's erown prince, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah, told Al Ahram newspaper in a separate interview that Kuwait had not "turned its back" on Arab countries that supported Baghdad in its invasion and seven-month occupation of Kuwait.

But he added: "It is up to these countries to adopt a policy stressing that the Iraqi regime must implement all U.N. Security Council resolutions," especially regarding the release of Kuwaiti prisoners of war. The crown prince said

Kuwait was not putting up

obstacles to Arab reconciliation but that "all Kuwaitis need to check that these countries are adopting a new, credible position." Sheikh Saad also judged as premature a call by the Un-

ited Arab Emirates for the lifting of sanctions and for Arab countries to mend fences with Iraq.
On bis talks in Damascus, Mr. Rifkind said Syria stressed its support for the peace process, adding that it thinks

that the latest statements

made by Israeli officials were encouraging and construc-This, he said, provides a suitable ground for resumption of serious negotiations

between Israel and Syria. On his talks with Israeli officials, he said that much emphasis was put on the need to pursue the peace process and that the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin should not affect the peace process.

Peres and Arafat may meet

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Israel turned over the police station to Palestinian police earlier this month. A total of 1,000 Palestinian policemen were scheduled to deploy in Jenin and the surrounding district starting on Monday.

Palestinian security sources

said some 500 Palestinian

policemen, who bad been

trained over the past few

months in self-ruled Jericho,

lians. They were to go on active duty starting on Monday along with some 400 policemen due to arrive from Jericho, the rest were to arrive later. Meanwhile, a huge cam-

register to vote in their first elections was launched Friday in the Gaza Strip. About 50,000 posters were being distributed across the Gaza Strip, depicting a ballot-box and the Palestia

nian flag with the inscription

paign orging Palestinians to

"Together, we will build our country." The Gaza coordinator of

the Palestinian central election committee, Osama Abu Safir, told AFP that from Sunday 2,000 Gaza teachers would begin a door-to-door canvas of the population. They would be armed with

the first maps of electoral wards in the Gaza Strip, where one million Palestinians live. L They would be wearing

special green caps inscribed with the words "The Palesti-

nian National Authority cen-

tral committee for elections."

The first 66 EU observers arrived in Israel on Thursday, due to supervise the drawing up of the electoral lists. On Thursday fullpage

advertisements appeared in the Palestinian press also urging people to take part in the registration. The observers team is

headed by Carl Lidbom, former Swedish justice minister. and the first group is due to arrive in Gaza on Saturday. Mr. Arafat has said the elections could be held

start of the Holy Month of

around Jan. 20, before the

Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza Strip can next week start to apply for identity cards to be issued by the self-rule authority, the PLO said.

Saeb Erakat, the self-rule minister of municipal affairs. said the decision on ID cards was taken at a meeting in Jericho with Israeli defence and foreign ministry officials.

To be eligible for cards, Palestinians aged 40 and above must have lived at least three years in the territories, and younger Palestinians bave at least four years of

press criticises soaring prices

BAGHDAD (R) — Soaring prices have drawn sharp criticism from Iraq's official press and one newspaper de-scribed the economic situation as gloomy.

The papers said prices surged to incredible levels following last month's referendum which reinstated Iraqi President Saddam Hussein in office for seven more

They blamed profiteers and traders for the rises but stopped short of urging the reapplication of draconian measures which had included amputations, long prison terms and even the death

The newspapers have rarely been so open in their criticism of the country's economy, devastated by more than five years of U.N. trade sanctions imposed for Iraq's August 1990 invasion of

The official Al Qadissiya newspaper said prices of clothes skyrocketed to unprecedented levels at least 100 per cent higher than last

"Prices of clothes are now like fire burning the one approaching them," the pap-

The cheapest blouse in Baghdad was sold for 25,000 dinars on Wednesday and a man's sbirt cost at leat

said the paper. Traders in Shorja market, Baghdad's commercial bub, said prices of certain food items were going up by 100-150 dinars a day and some bad surged 100 per cent in three months.

A kilogramme of lentils, formerly the poor man's diet lose value so long as sanc-in Iraq, fetched 1,400 dinars. tions on Iraq remained intact.

By a Jordan Times

Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Jordanian

stocks took a plunge this week on quick selling as a

stemming the assassination of

Israeli Prime Minister Yit-

zhak Rabin, brokers said Fri-

day.
"Any political develop-

ment in the entire Middle

East region immediately re-

flects on the Jordanian stock

market since there is no

escape for Jordan from the

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beans 2,400, rice 1,300 and a tray of 30 eggs 4,000. The average monthly sal-ary of a civil servant in Iraq is

about 5,000 dinars. The newspaper Babel, owned by Saddam's eldest son Uday, said Iraqi teachers were bearing the brunt of the inflation as their meagre salaries hardly covered their transport fees.

This gloomy picture... is what the enemies want and their programme is being implemented by traders in both private and state sectors," said the government news-paper Al Jumhouriya.

The government, its coffers empty due to the sanc-tions, which have blocked oil exports and frozen assets abroad, is in no position to

It has turned down a U.N. offer allowing it a one-time sale of oit to pay for urgent needs, saying the conditions infringe on its sovereignty.

Unlike in the past,
Jumhouriya blamed both the

state and private traders for economic chaos. It also said it was against the reintroduction of beavy punishments "which, according to past experience, gave no positive

"Their application, moreover, would unleash accusations of human rights violations against us," it

Sborja's traders said they were victims of a volatile economy and a sinking currency which Wednesday tumbled to more than 2,300 dinars to the U.S. dollar on the black market, its lowest rate

They said the prices were bound to surge and the dinar

"There may not be a direct

connection, but Rabin's

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Financial Market (AFM)

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The weekly AFM for the

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THE Daily Crossword by Gregory E. Paul

Iraq's official | Arab banks urged to support stock markets

ABU DHABI (AFP) — Arab banks sbould surpass their traditional services to support their burgeoning stock markets to woo back overseas funds and finance reforms, the Arab financial think-tank said Friday.

Although most of the Arab World's 322 commercial banks are trading their shares in the regional stock ex-changes, they still fall short of the services provided by banks in advanced countries, the Arab Monetary Fund (AMF) said. "Arab banks should work

for providing a comprebensive set of investment, financial and consulting services that exceed the traditional services and facilities they are offering," the Abu Dhabi-based fund said in a study.

"The banks can play a vital role in developing Arab bourses. They could expand their operations in giving loans and receiving deposits to include management of new sbare floatations, marketing of shares, providing share purchase and sale services for their clients, creating investment portfolios, and guaranteeing share investment... In other words, Arab banks are invited to adopt the concept of comprehensive banking ser-vices in the next stage," it

AMF officials said development of the stock markets in the region was essenthey widen investment scopes and help repatriate overseas Arab funds, estimated at

added.

more than \$800 billion. Several Arab nations have embarked on reforms to tackle economie problems caused mainly by decades of state domination. They include foreign debts of more than \$150 billion, negative growth rates, inflation, unemployment, and persistent deficits in the budgets and balances

The AMF, the Arab League's main financial organisation, bas been involved in plans to encourage reforms through extending soft loans, developing the stock markets and pressing members with-

of payments.

out exchanges to open floors. "Despite the rapid development in Arab bourses in the current stage, they are still suffering from defective legal and organisational structures," AMF Chairman Jassaim Al Manai told an economic seminar this week. They also lack secondary

markets, incentives and market-makers at a time when there is a pressing need to develop those bourses to support economic restructuring programmes and the concept of market economy," he

According to the AMF, 10 of the Arab League's 22 members have official exchanges while some others are planning to set up floors. By the end of 1993, around

1,100 banks and companies were trading in the regional markets, with a paid-up capital of nearly \$32 billion and turnover of less than \$1 billion, a fraction of world

The AMF's plans include setting up a computerised data base that links the stock markets in member states in a bid to promote share-dealing.

The base was launched two years ago but only six bourses bave so far been linked. The AMF, however, said it was trying to connect more exchanges.

The data base distributes

information on regional markets, the financial situation of trading institutions and economic indicators for member states. A complementary project to be launched next year involves the creation of a company to assess the financial adequacy of trading institutions.

Experts said such projects could contribute to expanding stock investment in the

Arab World. But they stres. sed all members needed to open up their markets as several bourses are still restricted to nationals.

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The AMF said Arab banks The AMP said Arab banks had the capacity to boost regional bourses as their operations bave sharply grown over the past two decades. From only \$46.7 billion in 1975, the banks' assets have jumped to nearly \$365 billion and their branches soared by more than 10 times to 7.836.

more than 10 times to 7,836. "Arab banks can play a crucial part in activating demand and supply in national stock markets... the investment funds they could establish will attract large funds as they create channels for Arab and foreign investors outside the region to invest in Arab

OPEC to miss out again on oil demand surge — IEA

LONDON (R) — World oil demand is set to surge again next year but the once-mighty OPEC oil producers' group will see most of the growth snatched by rival suppliers, the West's energy

watehdog said In its monthly oil market report, the Paris-based International Energy Agency (IEA) said world oil demand in 1996 was set to grow by 2,3 per cent, or 1.6 million barrels per day (b/d), from 1995 to 71.3 million b/d.

But the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) will not be able to cash in on the higher consumption. The IEA says output from prolific producers in the North Sea and other countries outside OPEC is expected to go up even faster than global demand.

week's 2.9 million dinars. The report said 2.5 million

shares changed bands during the week under 2,484 con-

week, with 13 closing with

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Industrials led sectoral

trading with a turnover of

1.84 million dinars, or 40 per

cent of the weekly volume,

followed by banks and finan-

cial institutions with 1.43 mil-

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maining stable.

It projects non-OPEC supplies will rise to 44 million b/d in 1996, up 1.8 million from this year following a 1.1 mil-

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lion b/d rise on 1994. Norwegian and British North Sea output rises are expected to lead the non-OPEC surge next year, sup-plying an extra 770,000 b/d from this year, the IEA esti-

It also sees Australian output up 225,000 b/d, Mexico pumping an extra 120,000 b/d and Angola 100,000 b/d. Increases of between 50-

100,000 b/d are projected for the three largest non-OPEC Asian producers China. Malaysia and India and for Latin America's Brazil and Colombia, Noticeable rises are also

expected for Kazakhstan, the Congo, Oman, Italy and Ye-

Only two countries -- Russia seen down 70,000 b/d and the United States down 130,000 b/d - are expected to post appreciable output

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Given the rising non-OPEC supplies, the IEA. calculates the expected call

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OPEC craide next year is likely to run on average one million b/d below current output, estimated in October at 25.6 million.

OPEC ministers will meet on Nov. 21 in Vienna to decide on 1995 production

Meeting last November in Indonesia, ministers were confident that rising demand to meet economic growth would bring both higher prices and the chance to raise output quotas in November 1995.

But many OPEC delegates and analysts now are saying the group has no option but

to keep its ceiling unchanged.
"Not long ago OPEC expected to discuss at its November 1995 meeting an increase in quotas to eater for rising global oil demand," said London's Centre for Global Energy Studies.
"However, so large is the likely increase in non-OPEC production in 1996 that any debate about quota increases is premature.

Pakistan unveils new steps to boost exports

ISLAMABAD (AFP) - With its carpet industry hurt by child labour charges and exports falling at an alarming rate, the Pakistani government has unveiled new incentives to help exporters increase business and counteract "negative propaganda."

The incentives include soft

loans to exporters and a marketing campaign which will send up to 1,000 businessmen abroad. They follow a devaluation of the rupee, which was aimed at supporting the textile sector. Information Minister Khalid-Kharal predicted the measures would increase Pakistani exports by 25 to 35 per

The government bad set a target of \$9.5 billion in exports at the start of the fiscal year in July but exports have dropped by 29 per cent over

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the past three months. Commerce Secretary Salman Farooqi said the government had set up an Export Development Fund to advance soft-term loans to exporters of carpets, surgical goods and leather and textile

The government will also launch a "massive marketing campaign", sending up to 1,000 business people abroad to belp introduce Pakistani products, he said. Half of their travel expenses would be paid by the state. It will also provide a 25 per

cent air freight subsidy on exports of carpets to South African, Central and South American markets. The country's carpet trade

was hurt following the death in April of 12-year-old Iqbal Masih, who won acclaim for his crusade against bonded

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Masih was gunned down on Easter Suoday in his village near Lahore. The Bonded Labour Liberation Front, a private organisation, blamed the murder on "carpet mafia", while police and his close relatives said the boy was shot by a drug. addict.

The murder led to cancellation of orders of Pakistani carpets worth millions of dollars by several European importers. The Pakistan Carpet Manufacturers and Exporters Association blamed the "vilification campaign" on Pakistan's traditional enemy, India.
The package follows a

downward revision of the rupee-dollar parity to keep Pakistani products "competitive" in the international

Officials said the adjustment was unavoidable following similar steps taken by its competitors, particularly India, which had devalued its

rupee by 14 per cent.
The move has been hailed by traders in the textile sector; which accounts for more than 60 per cent of the country's total exports.

However, as the dollar went up, selling now at 34.25 rupees, the government increased gas prices by sever per cent, triggering an outcry across the country.

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FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, **NOVEMBER 11, 1995**

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Don't try to force anything just to gain your desires or you get into disagreements, but later all is fine if you are diplomatic.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) The morning today starts slowly in the business world, so be patient and theo all works like a charm for yon. Be happy at home tonight with your ma GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) You find it difficult to gain your

objectives in the morning today, but later this evening it is relatively easy to do so to gain your MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to

July 21) You can be discouraged in the morning because of delays. but later this evening can formulate a fine plan which speeds everythiog up.

LEO :(July 22 to August 21) Don't jump impulsively into anything just to gain your aims in the morning today. By using wisdom and poise, you can easily gain

VIRGO: (August 22 to Septem ber 22) This morning is not good for committing yourself to any thing important today. Later. this evening the planets are more favourable.

LIBRA: (September 23 to Octo-ber 22) Don't run off on some tangent in the morning today. Tonight you can plan how to gain more benefits and success in the SCORPIO: (October 23 to

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in the London f January 20) Even if career activities starts slowly in the morning today, by mere perseverance, this becomes a profitable day

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Your plans for re-creation do not turn out right in the morning today. By tonight, friends help you complete them PISCES: (February 20 to March

20) Conditions at home may not be to your liking in the morning today, so off to business and by this evening all is righted.

Birthstone of November: Topaz



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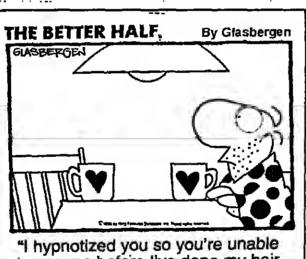
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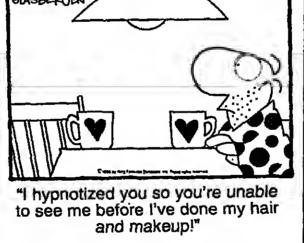
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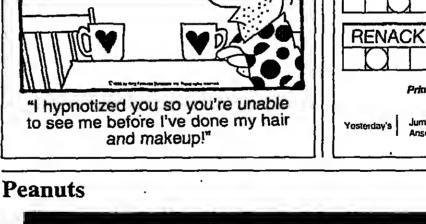
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AFM price index drops

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the services sector with 1.3 158.8 points. million dinars, or 28.2 per Industrials cent, and insurance stocks with 30,000 dinars, the report

The official AFM share price index based on 60 mafor companies from among the 120 listed in the market dosed at 156.8 points, down two points or 1.3 per cent from the week's opening of

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Industrials lost 1.3 per cent during the week, banks and financial institutions 1.3 per cent, services sector shares 1.3 per cent and insurance stock 0.5 per cent, the AFM report showed.

AFM dealers said the market was gearing up to take advantage of what is widely seen here as the success of

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the Oct. 29-31 Middle East and North Africa (MENA) economic summit which highlighted international interest in investing in Jordan and elsewhere in the region.

"But after one day's trading the death of Rabin on Saturday stuck and scrambled everything," said a dealer. "Some investors panicked and got rid of their holdings, expecting a sharp plunge in prices. That accounts for the jump in turnover and the decline in prices."

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Lebanon free zone opens

BEIRUT (AFP) — Prime Hariri said Thursday. A free Minister Rafik Hariri has inaugurated a free trade zone Beirut port in 1993 but the in the Beirut port in another area was devastated during the 1975-1990 civil war. Mr.

sign of Lebanon's multi-billion dollar post-war re-habilitation. The 24,000 square-metre zone will help. Lebanon compete better with other free trade zones in the region and recover its

Hariri inaugurated two of the six buildings that will constitute the free trade zone in the port, which is in full expan-sion as part of a \$14 billion war status as a platfor Middle East trade,

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Prices of 78 products increased during 1994-95

products have increased within one year. The the potential investors (Al Ra'i). average increase was 14.3 per cent for these products which included food, medicines, general supplies, fruits, fuel and transportation among other items. Prices of only nine products declined by an average of 13.5 per cent. According to the study, prices did not change for the remaining 30 products (and services) which included basic foodstuffs, some medicines, petroleum products, com-munication as well as telephone, water and electricity services.

merchants do not abide by the fixed prices mainly due to laxity of controls and manipula- National Industries sells \$1m tion of price and weight standards. The society saw many irregularities in the selling process and highlighted the need for classifytraders do not abide by it (Al Ra'i).

Water charges under study

consumers only pay an average of 340 fils. per cent (Al Aswaq).

The Water Authority charges 100 fils per cubic metre for the first 20 cubic metres of Shipping company bought consumption and 600 fils per cubic metre for three vessels this year consumption exceeding 100 cubic metres in a single quarter (Al Ra'i).

Qudah sees good future for Syrian-Jordanian Free Zone

⇒ FIFTEEN INDUSTRIES have been set 34,000 tonnes. The other two vessels are Alup at the Syrian-Jordanian Free Zone which Safi, able to carry 17,000 tonnes, and Alhas an area of 6,000 dunums, half of which is Urdon which can carry 15,000 tonnes. With in the Syrian territory and the other half in these three vessels, the company has a fleet of Jordan. The director of Jordan's Free Zones five ships in addition to another two leased Corporation expects higher demand from under a long-term deal. The vessels, mainly at the joint free zone next year when the are tansporting Jordanian phosphate and international highway between Amman and potash (Al Ra'i).

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Jordanians are second largest investors in Syria

☆☆ A SYRIAN economic bulletin recently said that Jordanians were the second largest investors in Syria after Saudis. Jordanians had investments in 23 projects, six of which had 100 per cent Jordanian equity. The Saudis had investments in 38 projects while Lebanese, The study pointed out that most vegetable (Al Dustour).

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ing and grading the produce by farmers as a ** THE NATIONAL Industries Company main step to improve the pricing system. The has signed agreements with a number of society also recommended abolishing the Syrian manufacturers of sanitary paper to minimum price for selling produce as many supply them with 800 tonnes of paper rolls valued at over \$1 million. The shipment of the raw material is expected before the end of this year. The National Industries Company has posted a mid-year profit of JD 312,000 after recording continued losses in the past. The ☆☆ THE MINISTRY of Water and Irrigation director of the company, Samin Barakat, is currently studying new charges for water expects total sales to exceed JD 6 million this consumption. An informed sources said cur- year. He said that the National Industries has rent charges were much lower than the reached an agreement with an Italian firm to operating and maintenance cost. He said a supply a new production line to recycle used cubic metre of water costs 880 fils whereas apper and, as a result, reduce cost by about 50

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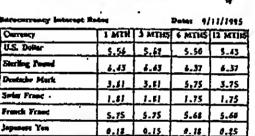
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Australian Grand Prix

Hakkinen condition stable after crash

Hakkinen was in stable condition in hospital with a serious head injury on Friday afternoon after he crashed heavily in his McLaren during the opening qualifying for Sunday's Australian Grand

A statement from the medical staff treating the 27-year-old finn after his esnmated 175 kph (t08 mph) collision at Matthouse bend said he was in the intensive care unit at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, under sedation and ventilation.

The statement, from the FtA medical delegate Sid Watkins and Dr. Brendon Kearney, the chief executive of the hospital, said this treatment was normal for the management of head in-

Garden.

Seles withdraws

from season finale

NEW YORK (R) - The season-ending WTA Tour

championships next week will feature a rematch of last

year's final in the opening round after fifth seed Gabriela

Sabatini of Argentina drew American Lindsay Davenport

as her first opponent on Thursday.

Sabatini ended a lengthy title drought last November by

beating Davenport in straight sets to claim the prestigious

Virginia Slims Championships crown for the second time.

The draw for the re-named season finale was held at the

Advanta Championships in Philadelphia — final tune-up

for the 16-year event at New York's Madison Square

Three-time winner Monica Seles, who was to make het

return to the championships after missing the last two

years, pulled out earlier on Thursday, suffering from

Seles, who rejoined the women's tour in August after

more than two years away following her 1993 stabbing in Hamburg, was to receive a special wild card invitation into

Her absence enables the legitimate 16th place qualifier.

That final qualifiet, who will be top seed Steffi Graf's

first-round opponent, will be South African Amanda

Coetzer unless Irina Spirlea of Romania reaches the

Philadelphia final. She has already advanced to the

Coetzer is one of only two players to beat world number

one Graf this year. The German three-time champion

avenged that Canadian Open defeat with a first-tound

victory over Coetzer en route to her U.S. Open title in

Spain's Conchita Martinez, bumped up to second seed

Third-seeded Spaniard Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, losing

Fourth-seeded Australian Open champion Mary Pierce

of France, a semifinalist the past two years, drew a

dangerous first-round opponent in German Anke Huber.

Date of Japan v Czech veteran Jana Novotna seventh seed

Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria v Brenda Schultz-

McCarthy of the Netherlands and eighth seed Mary Joe

Fernandez v fellow American Chanda Rubin, who will be

making her first appearance in the championships.

The other first round pairings are: Sixth seed Kimiko

with Seles's withdrawal, drew Ctoatian teenager Iva Majoli

finalist to Graf in 1993, landed in the tougher half of the

wiin Graf and Sabatini. She

Zvereva of Belarus in the first round.

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according to WTA points standings, to claim the final

tendinitis in her left knee and an ankle sprain.

tt added: "While the ers on the 3.78-km (2.35neurological situation will be unpredictable for the next few days, progress so far is

"Scans and X-ray investigations show no evidence of other serious injuries. There are no external head or facial injuries."

The announcement fol-

lowed news from Goodyear. which supplies all tyres used by all the teams in Formula One, that three left-rear tyres inspected by them had been found cut during the session. The cars were driven by Pedro Lamy of Portugat, in a-

bert in a Benetton, and Hak-Goodyear officials said the cuts may have been caused by

debris, kerbs or manhole cov-

Minardi, Briton Johnny Her-

mile) tricky, fast and slippery Adelaide street circuit.

Hakkinen lost control of his McLaren on entry to the high-speed corner. His car slid backwards, hit a kerb and then pirouetted through nearly 360 degrees before slamming into the barriers.

The corner, a fast righthanded between the Jones and Brabham straights, is the quickest on the track. It is believed that Hakkinen was travelling at about 175 kph when he hit the barriers, pro-tected by only one wall of

The session was halted for 42 minutes. When it resumed, Briton Damon Hill in a Williams grabbed provisional pole position ahead of his teammate and fellowBriton David Coulthard, Austrian Gerhard Berger in a Ferrari and newly-crowned double world champion Michael Schumacher of Germany in his Benetton.

Coulthard ted the times for most of the session but hill eclipsed his best time in the final two minutes. Hill's time was one minute and 15.505 seconds. at an average t80.226 kph (111.99 mph).

Hakkinen's accident was the worst in the sport this year. Japan's Ukyo Katyama escaped with only slight in-juries after his Tyrrell carturned over at the start of the Portuguese Grand Prix in September and Japan's Aguri Suzuki suffered a fractured rib in practice for the Japanese Grand Prix at Suzuka last month.

Briton Johnny Herbert. driving a Benetton, also spun off during the session. Briton Mark Blundell in the second McLaren also came off at the same place at Hakkinen.

Austrian Gethard Berger. speaking off Hakkinen's crash, said: "It tooked as if he had a ptoblem with the left rear of his car. The right front seemed to be off the ground at the start of his accident and he took off when he hit the

"It looked as if something may have failed or a puncture

of something."
Coulthard, qualifying in Adelaide for the first time, said: "It's a very tricky circuit. It is much more bumpy than I expected. It is a street circuit and that always means that if you have an off, you are in trouble."

WBC meet issues safety guidelines.

BANGKOK (R) - The World Boxing Council has introduced new safety measures and doubled the insurance cover for boxers appear-ing on a WBC world title card. a news release said.

The WBC's annual convention under way in the northern Thai city of Chiang Mai on Thursday addressed key medical and safety issues following recent deaths in the ring, according to a release seen here on Friday.

"The WBC's medical investigation strongly suggests that extreme weight loss during training for a fight and the accompanying dehydration are prime factors in ring fata-

"The WBC has decided that strict guidelines for limiting the amount of weight a fighter will be allowed to lose will be drawn and implemented," it said, adding that these would be monitored in all world, interna-

BARI, Italy (R) - The next week will determine whether

Arrigo Sacchi, marking his

fourth year as Italy coach, takes his team to the 1996

European Championship fin-

als or looks for another job.

On paper the odds look overwhelmingly in favour of Sacchi staying at the helm for some time. But Italy still

need at least four points from

their last two matches to be

mathematically home and dry
on Wednesday night.
Croatia lead group four by
three points over Italy but the

"Azurri" bave one game in hand and can finish top of the

tional and Americas title The WBC said another

prime factor in fatal accidents was the presence of a family member, particularly fathers, in a boxer's corner as "it appears that the emotional ties involved adversely affect their judgement as corner-

The convention, gathering around 300 members from around the world, confirmed its-15-year-old rule that bars immediate relatives from working in the corners. But it said they could take part from the floor as fourth comerman.

The council directors also decided on Thursday that the \$100,000 medical and life insurance policy provided for every boxer appearing on a WBC world title card would be increased to \$200,000.

effective immediately.
The statement said "a new and much more effective mouthpiece" had been under

group if they beat Ukraine in Bari on Saturday and over-come Lithuania in Reggio

Emilia on Wednesday, Finishing second in the

group leaves three times

world champions Italy a hos-

tage to arithmetic.
Sacchi, ever cautious de-

spite celebrating his fourth anniversary as coach on Mon-

day, has warned his players neither opponent is the

pushover many might sup-

win the group, with four we should qualify. One defeat and we're out," he said.

"With six points we can

development by the WBC for

the past five years.
ft did not elaborate but the Nation newspaper quoted WBC chief Jose Sutaiman as saying the guard had cost more than \$100,000 to develop and was made of a rubber material that offered better protection and lasted one year against three months for others.

The daily newspaper also reported that the WBC had set up an ad hoc committee to look after the families of fighters who had died in the ring as well as former champions who have fallen on hard times and need help with medical and other bills.

The 31-member directors board had also on Thursday agreed that WBC heavyweight champion Frank Bruno of Britain should make his first mandatory title defence against Mike Tyson instead of fellow Briton Lenox Lewis.

cause Ukraine and Lithuania

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Sacchi said Ukraine, home

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"They look a bit wooden

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Litbuania.

Sacchi takes Italy into big week "So I'm calling for pru-dence and concentration be-

Dutchman Richard Kra-jicek's 25 aces were all to avail as he was beaten 7-6. 2-6, 6-3 by unseeded Swede Mikael Tillstrom in the second round of the Stock-

and passing shots. Top seed Jim Courier scored a clinical 6-4, 6-3 win over Australian Todd Wood. bridge while second seed Thomas Enqvist of Sweden routed Romania's Andrei Pavel 6-1, 6-3.

2008 Games with no contest

ATHENS (AFP) Greece is to ask the International Olympic Commit-tee to award Athens the 2008 Games without going through the bidding proce-

Greece

to ask for

Greek Sports Minister George Lianis told AFP on Thursday that Athens deserved the Games because of its historical contribution to the Olympic movement. A similar plea fell on deaf ears in 1989 in Tokyo

when the IOC awarded the

U.S. city of Atlanta the centenary Games of 1996. However Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papan-dreou told IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch on Thursday that Greece would enter the normal bidding procedure if its request for the 2008 Games to be awarded to the city outright was turned down by the IOC Executive Board at its meeting in Nagano, Japan, in Decem-

Athens lost a bitter campaign for the 1996 Games to Atlanta and did not bid for the 2000 Games, won by Sydney which squeezed out Beijing by only two

China has not yet decided about the 2004 Games and Olympic sources believe it may de-cide to wait and bid for 2008.

Cape Town is the favourite to become the first African venue for the Olympics in 2004

Krajicek's 25 aces are to no avail

STOCKHOLM (R) holm Open on Thursday.

Tillstrom, whose career has been marred by injuries. countered the third-seeded Krajicek's power with a stream of classy lobs, returns

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Inter sign Branco and Caio

MILAN (R) - Internazionale stole the spotlight as Italy's autumn transfer market closed on Thursday, signing striker Marco Branco from Roma after recruiting another forward, Caio, from Brazilian club Sao Paulo. But despite reports that the buys would be funded by the sale of Paul Ince, there was no indication the unsettled England midfielder's departure was imminent. Inter said they had signed Branco, who played for Parma last season, a two-year contract. The terms were not disclosed but the deal included Italy under-21 striker Marco Delvecchio moving to Roma on loan for a season. Earlier in the day Inter recruited 20-year-old Caio Ribeiro Dedocoussau. No further details were available but the daily Gazzetta Dello sport quoted a sum of \$4.6 million for the deal. In other moves, Swedish international Klas Ingesson joined Italian dub Bari from Englisb premier league side Sheffield Wednesday in a £900.000 (\$1.42 million) deal.

Srl Lanka's top sprinter banned

COLOMBO (AP) — Sri Lanka's top sprinter has been banned from next month's South Asian Federation Games in India for allegedly using performance-enhancing drugs, an official said Friday. The Asian Amateur Athletic Association ordered Sri Lanka not to field Susanthika Jayasinghe, who was heavily favoured to win the 100 metres and 200 metres sprints, said association secretary Rohan Amarasinghe. The International Amateur Athletic Federation, the sport's world governing body, will meet next month in Monaco to discuss banning Jayasinghe from the sport. She is the first Sri Lankan sportsperson to have used a banned substance, he said.

Beijing to host World Cup swimming

BEUING (AFP) - China will once again host a World Cup Swimming tournament next year, after having hastily pulled out of it last year following a major doping scandal surrounding Chinese swimmers. the Beijing event, one leg of an eight-part short distance swimming world tour, will take place on January 10 and 11 at the complex where the 1990 Asian Games events were staged, China Daily said Friday. China will be fielding its top swimmers at the event, providing them with "valuable experience at this important pre-Olympic warmup," the daily said. China had staged the event in 1993 and 1994 but opted out of it in 1955 just weeks after 11 athletes, including seven swimmers tested positive for doping during the Hiroshima Asian Games.

Mancini will stay with Genoese club

GENOA (AP) - After threatening to leave Italian soccer following a animated on-field altercation, national team forward Roberto Mancini has agreed to stay with firstdivision club Sampdoria for the remainder of the season. "It's the best solution. I have strong ties with la samp," the 30-year-old Mancini said in an interview with the Italian television network Rai broadcast Thursday. Mancini was in England Thursday with Sampdoria to play exhibition matches against Arsenal and Middlesbrough, Arsenal, which signed English national team captain David Platt from Sampdoria in the off-season, was said to be bidding for Mancini, who has been playing with the Genoese team since 1982. '-

Stoichkov donates \$100,000

SOFIA (AP) - Bulgarian national team forward Hristo Stoicbkov, who plays for Parma of Italy, has donated \$100,000 to his country's capital city of Sofia, according to news reports. Stoichkov made the donation late at a fund-raising cocktail party, organised by Ventzislav Yosifov, a banker who is running as an independent for mayor with the support of the governing socialists. The fund is the next mayor, Yossifov pledged according to the daily 24

Samaranch rules out Beijing

ATHENS (AFP) - International Olympic Committee President Juan Antonio Samaranch has all but ruled out Beijing bidding to hold the 2004 Games. "The news we are getting for now is that they are not very optimistic," said Samaranch here Thursday. "I think in the end there will only be 10 candidates," he added. With Beijing out of the running Cape Town becomes strong favourite to win the 2004 Games and become the first African city to hold the Olympics. Bidding against them are Rome, Stockholm, St. Petersburg, Istanbul, Seville, Lille, Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires and San Juan. Cities have until Jan. 10 to confirm

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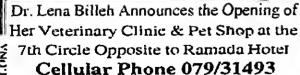
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Suppose West were to lead the ace of clubs (best). Most defenders would signal negatively in some suit, then expect to ruff away dummy's king of clubs. Unfortunately, declarer would overruff, draw trumps and claim the rest of the tricks.

If East takes note of the bidding ond dummy, the correct defense becomes easy to spot. West has no high cards in spades, and probably none in hearts, and is missing the king of clubs as well. Therefore, it is more than likely that West has an eight-card suit for the valnerable bid of five clubs.

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If South has the ace of diamonds, there's no hope for the defense. The first stage in the winning defense in to ruff partner's ace of clube. Is West void in spades? Even if West gets a spade ruff, that won't set the game. The best shot is to try for two diamond tricks, so East must shift to the queen of diamonds. Downing.

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China on track for Atlanta

BEIJING (AFP) - With a tougher anti-drug banned drugs. programme in place and renewed perfurmances from its swimmers and runners. China appears to be back on track for next year's Atlanta Olympics.

the Inter-City Games in Nanking at the end of October, a multi-sport conspetition that brought together 3,300 athletes from 49

The Chinese hoped the Games would help erase the memory of the mediocre results achieved by Chinese athletes in 1995, which were blemished by positive dope tests, and help it present a clean image in Ailanta.

China's image has been badly tarnished by drug scandals, particularly the 11 athletes. including seven world-class swimmers, who failed tests at last year's Asian Games in

In August, the National People's Congress unanimously adopted a law that ordered additional testing during and outside competition and provided tougher punishments for

China carried out more than 300 random ests for the first time at the Inter-City lames. Tests had previously only been carned out on winners. Results will be available the end of November.

Sports authorities also announced in Nanjing that all members of a team would be talented band of runners on the high plateaus banned for a year if two individual team of Yunnan province this willter. nembers tested positive.

athletes from the same club were caught using. Bo who beat. Wang in the 5,000 metres.

Swimming and athletics were the particular targets of the new policies.

Chinese female swimmers shane at the 1994 World Championships, winning 12 of In titles China's Olympic campaign was launched at and setting five world records, but the positive tests at the Asian Games threw the sport into

> Only a few Chinese swimmers were allowed to compete abroad in 1995, leaving uncertainties about China's Olympic prospects.

> But the respectable times turned in by Chinese female swintmers at the Inter-City Games brought back memories of the world championships.

> After a year of silence, China can finally see light again." said national team director

> That opinion was shared by women's coach Chen Yunpeng, who said world champions Le Jingyi. He Cihong, Liu Limin and China's other top female swimmers will show up in Atlanta ready to perform.

> Chinese athletics also underwent a resurrection in Nanjing after a mediocre 1995 season, including a disastrous showing at last summer's world championships.

> Wang Junxia, world-record holder in the 3,000 and 10,000 metres, reconciled with her former coach. Ma Junren, who will train his

Ma also launched a new group of young and The ban would be extended to 1997 if four talented runners in Nanjing, including Jiang

Graf on track with Philadelphia win

After surviving a close call in her opening match, top seed Sieffi Graf appears to have regained her form with an easy quarter-final victory over unseeded American Meredith McGrath at the Advanta Championships on

The world number one needed less than an hour to breeze to a 6-3, 6-2 win that put het into Saturday's semi-

The German star, who has

claimed three Grand Slam titles this year despite struggling through injuries and personal problems, never faced a break point against McGrath, who had upset eight seed Chanda Rubin in the second round.

"It was a very different match than the other day," said Graf, who pulled out a 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 second-round win over American Amy Frazier Tuesday after a first-

"I've really had a long break this year while everyone else has been playing." said Graf, whn came to Philadelphia having played just one match since her U.S. Open victory in early September.

"I'm used to having a lot of preparation for a tournament. I'm not used to long breaks," she continued. "I need to feel in shape and ready. I've been missing that

Rosset advances to Moscow quarters

MOSCOW (AP) — Marc Rosset, bidding for his third Kremlin Cup title in four years, breezed into the quarterfinals Thursday with a o-4, 6-3 win over unseeded Jan Kroslak.

The 2.01-metre (6-foot-7) Swiss player used his big serve and power game to dispose of the Slovak easily. Ranked 11th in the world and the No. 3 seed in the \$1.125 million ATP tournament, Rosset faces a clear path to Sunday's final as the only remaining seed in his half of the draw.

Rosset showed no ill effects of a late night at a Moscow discotheque two nights earlier. He said he stayed out until 2 a.m. after his first-round victory Tuesday to celebrate his 26th birthday with Russian star Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the tournament's top seed.

The Swiss will not face Scott Draper, a fast-rising. young Australian who defeated Karol Kucera of Slovakia, 6-1, 7-6 (7-3).

In another second-round match, Shuzo Matsuoka of Japan, who stunned No. 2 seed. Goran Ivanisevic in the openng round, was eliminated by Carl Uwe-Steeb of Germany, 6-2, 6-7 (7-4), 6-3. Andrei Olhovskiy, Kafel-

nikov's Davis Cup doubles partner, outlasted Marc Goellner of Germany, 6-4. 6-7 (10-8), 7-6 (7-5). The tournament is being

played in Moscow's indoor Olympic stadium, site of the Davis Cup final between Russia and the United States.

Agassi pulls out of ATP **Tour World Championship**

Florida (R) - Andre Agassi, recently deposed as the world's top-ranked tennis player, has pulled out of the season-ending ATP Tour World Championship in Frankfurt with an injury. ATP officials announced on Thursday.

Agassi is suffering from a pectoral muscle strain he sustained during the Davis Cup semifinals against Sweden in Las Vegas in September.

He reinjured the chest muscle in a tournament in Essen, Germany and withdrew from the Paris Open two weeks ago in an attempt to heal ion time for next week's season finale.

He informed ATP Tour officials Thursday that he would be unable to compete. "There has not been ample time for my recovery," Agassi said in a statement released by the ATP Tour. The withdrawal of the

second-ranked Agassi shatters the excitement of a three-way race with current number one Pete Sampras and third-ranked Austrian Thomas Muster to end 1995 as world number one.

"I'm obviously very disappointed as one of my goals was to finish the year at number one," said Agassi, the Australian Open cham-

Agassi took over the top ranking from Sampras on April 10 and held it until the Wimbledon and U.S. Open champion reclaimed it Monday after winning a title in Bercy, France,



Andre Agassi

Just another testy night with replacement NBA refs

NEW YORK(R) — It was just another night with minorleague referees in a majorleague game — frustrating, testy, but oo worse than many another this young NBA season.

'We need to get our refsback," said the Indiana Pacers' well-travelled veteran Eddie Johnson, at 36 the oldest player on the court in Thursday's game with the

New York Knicks. "Everybody's arguing every call. That doesn't happen

with the regular referees." After all the shouting was over, the injury-depleted Pacers said their 103-95 loss to the Knicks was not the fault of the replacement referces, but they weren't hap-

py about the situation. The National Basketball Association locked out the union refs in a dispute over pay levels as they try to negotiate a new contract.

It's frustrating to bave officials coming off of supermarket jobs and referecing our games," said Indiana sharpshooter Reggie Miller.

The first play of the game set the tone. New York ceotre Patrick Ewing was bumped while shooting but got no foul, then was called out of bounds while hopping in to retrieve the loose ball. Ewing gave a disbelieving stare at the ref. then droptossed the ball not quite to

Plenty more such incidents

Players from both sides especially such notable talkers as John Starks and Authory Mason of the Knicks and Miller of the Pacers — took turns explaining to the refs. with varying de-grees of heat, how the game should be officiated. The Indiana bench was also up and

screaming frequently. There was plenty to criti-

A three-second violation became a foul and then a three-second violatioo agaio. In the final minute, both referees had to admit they did not see an out-of-bounds

The biggest blowup was Indiaoa coach Larry

BLOMD 2. With just under five minutes left in the game. Brown, on the court and arguing furiously over a foul call, received two technical fouls and was ejected.

He refused to leave, and referee Drakeford appeared to be losing his temper, too. The referee was a little perturbed with the situation," Johnsoo said dryly.

Brown was dragged away from the ref and off the court. "We made sure Larry didn't touch him," Indiana assistant coach Gar Heard

Brown then produced the basketball and took a long. hook shot from out of bounds that for a moment looked like it might go in. Who knows, these refs might have counted

"Well, the book shot humoured me," said Knicks coach Don Nelson. "I once got ejected and drop-kieked a ball into the second balcony. so I know the feeling. The hook shot did me one better, be almost made it. I had to

chuckle oo that one." Compounding the problem

is that only two referees are being used, not the normal "If they had three of them

it would be better," said Johnson. "Even with our won referees, two is tough." If the Pacers would not blame their loss on the replacement refs, the turning point in the Knicks' only losi this season, to the visiting Phoenix Suns Tuesday, was when Mason was ejected by officials struggling to main-tain respect and control.

Thursday's game saw no outright fighting, but other games have seen some ugly incidents, and Johnson says the NBA had better reach a settlement with the union refs

"I think the league ought to look at how frustrated every-body's getting," said John-son. "An explosion is going

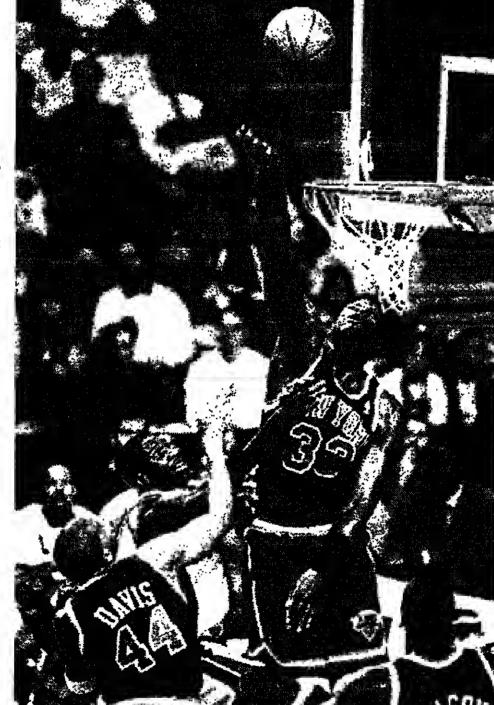
to happen." "We need the real refs," said Pacers point guard Mark Jackson. "There were bad calls, sometimes they didn't even know what to call. It's hurting the game and I don't know if the best team will win each night."

But Miller took a more philsophical siant, noting that at least it is early in the season when there's less at stake. "Both teams have to put up with this," said Miller.
"It's going on all over the league and it's better to get it over with in November.

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Patrick Ewing of the New York Knicks blocks a shot by an opponent as the Knicks Hubert

Davis (left) looks on (Reuters photo)

Nomo is NL Rookie of the Year

NEW YORK (R) — Japanese pitching sensation Hideo Nomo of the Los Angeles Dodgers, who led the National League in strikeouts, won the 1995 National League Rookie of the Year Award on Thursday.

Nomo, who joined the Dodgers this season after starring for five years in the Japanese League, received 18 first place votes and 118 total points in balloting by a 28member panel of the Baseball Writers Association of

Atlanta Braves third baseman Chipper Jones finished second in the voting, collecting the other 10 first place votes and 104 points. Nomo also had nine second place votes and one third place vote and Jones received 18 second place votes.

Nomo, who started the All-Star game for the National League and became a sensation back home for his stellar play in the United States, is the fourth consecutive member of the Dodgers to be named N.L. Rookic of the Year. He follows Eric Karros (1992), Mcke Piazza (1993) and Raul Mondesi (1994). The Dodgers also had four consecutive winners from 1979 through 1980 when Rick Stutcliffe, Steve Howe, Fernando Valenzuela and Steve Sax earned top rookie honours.

Nomo's selection gives the Dodgers 15 Rokkie of the Year awards - more than twice any other club - since Jackie Robinson of Brooklyn won the first one in 1947. The performance of the 26-year-old Nomo was one of big stories of the 1995 season as he confounded Major League

batters with his unorthodox pitching style. Nomo posted a 13-6 record with a league-best 236 strikeouts and an earned run average of 2.54 — second best in the league.

The right-hander also surrendered just 124 hits in 191 innings for a legue-best .182 opponents batting average. There had been some debate as to whether Nomo should be considered for the rookie honour after five years of playing professionally with Kintetsu of the Japanese League. But he was deemed eligible under the rules of the

Jones, who was a key figure in Atlanta's World's SEries victory, was eligible because he missed the entire 1994 season with major knee surgery. Jones batted .265 with 23 home runs and 86 RBl this reason.

Florida Marlins second baseman Quilvio Veras, who batted .261 and led the league in stolen bases with 56, received one second place vote and 11 third place votes to finish a distant third in the balloting with 14 points. New York Mets pitcher Jason Isringhausen, St. Louis

first baseman-outfielder John Mabry and Montreal pitcher Carlos Perez tied for fourth with four points each.
Minnesota Twins outfielder Marty Crodova narrowly edged California Angels outfielder Garret Anderson Wednesday for the 1995 American League Rookie of the



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Arafat visits Rabin home in Tel Aviv to pay his respects

TEL AVIV (Agencies) -Yasser Arafat, a figure still distrusted by most Israelis, has paid a first visit to the heart of Isracl as Palestinian leader to convey his condolences to slain Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's widow.

On Friday, Israelis woke up to find Mr. Arafat without his traditional head-dress shown on the front page of newspapers alongside Leah Rabin. drinking coffee against a background of flow-

The Palestinian leader, restricted to watching Mr. Rabin's funeral on Television, hailed his late peace partner as "a courageous man" after being ferried in by helicopter Thursday night for his first visit to the Jewish state since 1967.

"The guy is sitting without the keffiyeh, the symbol of struggle." noted government spokesman Uri Dromi. "He's a just a regular guy without too much bair on his head.

paying condolences.
"In Israel. nobody can remain indifferent to that," he

"I think Israelis will take this visit as a most human gesture ... the whole event reminded us we are all human beings ... although even Yitzhak Rabin had mixed feelings about Arafat,"

The veteran Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader informed reporters on bis return to the Gaza Strip that he flew in to Israel aboard a helicopter to speak with the widow in her home near Tel Aviv.

It was his first visit to the Jewish state since 1967, when he slipped secretly into Israel to organise cells for his Fateh

"It is our duty, because you know during the funeral I hadn't the ability to participate for security matters." Mr. Arafat said after returning to Gaza. Israeli officials had asked

Mr. Arafat to stay away from Mr. Rabin's funeral in Jerusalem on Monday, saying they feared for his safety. An aide said Mr. Arafat spent 90 minutes in the Rabin

"I told Mrs. Rabin that we have lost a courageous man. with whom we concluded the peace of the brave. He was our partner." Mr. Arafat

A source close to Leah Rabin said she had told Mr. Arafat her husband had considered him "a real partner on whom we could count for the continuation of the peace

Despite the watershed PLO-Israeli agreement on Palesnnian autonomy signed in 1993, Mr. Arafat has never been invited to Israel. The Palestinian National Authority he heads was represented at Mr. Rabin's funeral by four ministers.

Mr. Arafat was accompanied to Ramat Aviv by Ahmad Qouriea, his economy minister, and Mahmoud Abbas of the PLO Executive Committee.

The visit was arranged in Israel by Yossi Guinossar, a former official in the country's domestic intelligence agency Shin Bet, according to Israeli radio.

The trip was shrouded in secrecy and took place under heavy security. It was only revealed to the press once it had been successfully carried

Croatia troops reportedly move to Eastern Slavonia

ZAGREB (AFP) - Some 350 elite Croatian troops have advanced to the edge of a buffer zone in eastern Slavonia separating them from secessonist Serb forces. stepping up pressure on the last Serb-held area in the country, a U.N. source said Fri-

day.
"It's a small build-up, not said the very large in size," said the source who spoke on condinon of anonymity.
He said the soldiers are

part of the Croatian army's Zagreb-based "Tiger Bri-gade" and had brought in heavy artillery and pontoon bridges. Two rivers cut through Eastern Slavonia which was captured by the Serbs in 1991.

"It's a message to the Serbs to put pressure on them." he

Earlier, another U.N. source reported a buildup of troops in recent days in Vinkovci and Nustar on the edge of the Serb-held areas.

The source said the movement did not constitute an offensive and that no fighting had been detected.

A spokesman for the Croauan Defence Ministry did not confirm the troop movement but said the Croatian army had the right to deploy "where it wants. Croatia is a free country."
U.N. spokesman Douglas

Coffman, stationed at Erdut in the Serb-held sector, said no troop movement was reported Friday.
"There is always some

level of tension but it's re-latively quiet or calm." he

said. "We have noticed no further deployment to the region from the Croatian side."

He added that no troop movement had been detected on the Serb side except for some "defensive measure... like laying more mines." The Serb commander in

the region said in a communique that "the enemy was escalating its propaganda campaign as part of plans for an anack on Eastern Slavo-

Croatian President Franjo Tudiman on several occasions has threatened to retake Eastern Slavonia by force if the Serbs do not agree by Nov. 30, the date on which a United Nations mandate in Croania expires, to return under Zagreb's con-

Mr. Tudiman returned to the United States Wednesday to rejoin peace talks on former Yugoslavia with Presidents Milosevic of Serbia and Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia.

The Croatians and rebel Serbs agreed early last month an accord in principle on the reintegration of Eastern Slavonia into Croatia but subsequent negotiations conducted by U.N. mediator Thorvald Stoltenberg and U.S. Ambassador Peter Galbraith have vielded little concrete prog-

Mr. Tudjman and Mr Milosevic earlier this month agreed at the Dayton talks to work personally for a peaceful solution to the dispute over the region but so far the rebel Serbs have shown little inclination to leave.

Egyptian militants claim another attack on train

CAIRO (AFP) - The main Egyptian militant group Gamaa Al Islamiyah claimed on Friday a second anack against a train in southern Egypt, which injured three persons, including two tour-

"A day after the Luxor operation, the mujahedeen have made a second attack against a train carrying tourists... injuring at least two European tourists," according to a statement received by a Western news agency in Cairo.

On Wednesday, the Gamaa said it ambushed a train travelling Tuesday from Luxor to Cairo, wounding 11 Egyptians, and described it as a "toutist target." It was the first such operation since April.

In the second attack on a train in the same region. which occurred on Wednesday, two foreign tourists - a French woman and a Dutch in Egypt.

man — along with an Egyp-tian were lightly wounded by

Gamaa threatened on Thursday to kill foreign tourists as it claimed the first attack on a train in six

Even as police announced new security measures to protect tourists, the attacks sent a shudder through the tourist industry, which was looking forward to a bumper season after three years of miserable business caused by militant

In the typed statement, titled "Tourists, leave Egypt." the Gamaa reaffirmed Friday its call for all holidaymakers "to leave the country to save

These attacks "prove the failure of the criminal operaregime against the mujahedeen (fighters) in favour of the creation of Islamic state



Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat (left), on his first visit to Israel as leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, pays a condolence visit to Leah Rabin, widow of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in Tel Aviv late Thursday. In the centre is Yossi inossar, a former official of the Israeli security service, Shin Bet, who arranged the

Support for Netanyahu drops after Rabin death

TEL AVIV (AFP) — The popularity of Likud opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu has taken a nosedive in the polls after the murder of Prime Minister Yit-zhak Rabin by a Jewish fana-

tic, a survey showed friday. But Likud was swift to dismiss the poll, saying it was a sympathy vote for the ruling Labour Party following the loss of their leader, and support would pick up in the coming months.

According to the poll published in the Yediot Aharonot newspaper, 54 per cent would vote for acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres of the ruling Labour Party against 23 per cent for Mr. Netany-

Previously Mr. Rabin and Mr. Netanyahu had been running neck-and-neck. Israelis are to directly elect

their prime minister for the first time in next November's general elections, and Mr. Peres has so far avoided going to the country early following the assasination. Despite the setback for

Mr. Netanyahu, the poll by the independent Modin institute showed Labour would still fall short of a parliamen-tary majority if elections were held now.

It would win only 60 out of 120 seats, with Likud and the far-right gaining 38, the retl-gious groups 15, and the centre-left seven.

It was the first such polt since Mr. Rabin's assassination at a Tel Aviv peace rally last Saturday, and showed Mr. Netanyahu's support had fallen in the polls by 18 per cent compared with a similar survey by the same institute in August.

But leading Likud member Eliahu Ben Elissar told AFP: The poll was carried out only two days after the murder. It is natural that it would show more votes going to Labour, obviously at the expense of the main opposition

party."
He said he did not think the assassination would have a long-term effect on Likud's chances at the polls. "I have no doubt what-

soever that things will again be judged according to their "This is some kind of sym-

pathy towards Rabin's party, and is quite natural." The left bas accused the right, notably Mr. Netanyahu, of incining murder with its violent attacks on Mr.

Rabin's peace policies, Mr. Rabin's widow Leah bitterly accused Mr. Netanyahu of feeding the climate of hate which led to her husband's death.

French nun shot dead, another hurt in Algeria

second was scriously wounded and in a coma in Algiers cellation of 1992 elections on Friday. Algerian security forces said.

They said two gunmen killed Odette Helene Prevaut. 63. and wounded Chantal Marie-Odette Galichi, 53. as they were leaving their home at the Kouba district of the capital around 0850 local time (0750 GMT).

The Algerian security forces, in a statement carried by the Algerian news agency APS, said sister Galichi was transported to the military hospital of 'Ain Naadja.

A spokeswoman for the French Bishops Conference in Paris said the attack took place as the two nuns took a walk through the hilly Kouba district.

The nuns belonged to the Order of the Little Sisters of the Sacred Heart.

The order was founded early this century by Charles-Eugene de Foucauld, a former army officer who became a missionary and was himself assassinated by Algerian rebels in his Sahara desert retreat near Tamanrasset in

The nun's killing took to 30 the number of French nation-

PARIS (R) — A French nun als murdered in Algeria by was shot and killed and a suspected Muslim fundamentalists since the canthat the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) was poised to

The French foreign ministry said it was "deeply shocked and stunned by this indescribable and barbarous act and condemned those re-

"We note that the security of French people in Algeria is the responsibility of the Alge-rian authorities, spokesman Jacques Rummelhardt told reporters at a ministry brief-

Mr. Rummelhardt also renewed appeals to French citizens residing in Algeria to return to France if possible and told its citizens residing elsewhere to stay away from

Algiers. Officials later said privately they intended the latter warning for French journalists contemplating travelling to Algiers to cover the Nov. to presidential elections. saying their safety could not be assured. The ministry said the

French ambassador in Algeria would promptly open an investigation to try to determine who was responsible for the attack on the two nuns.

Arsenal at home shocks Rabin assassin's mother

TELAVIV (R) — The weeping mother of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassin said on Thursday she and her husband were shocked when police discovered enough explosives in their attic to blow the house sky-

"Shlomo and I stood there stunned, simply in shock. When I went upstairs... I asked (pnlice) what are those bars iif soap? when they explained it to me, it took me perhaps an hour or two to digest what he left up there." Geula Amir said.

Yigal Amir's family home in

Police said they seized enough weapons and explosives in confessed assassin

the north Tel Aviv suburb of Herzliya "to make any terror

group proud."

His parents gave an interview to Israel Television in which Mrs. Amir said that "only God knows" why her son ignored the religious family's teachings of tolerance and murdered Mr. Rabin on Saturday at a peace rally in Tel Aviv.

Husband Shlomo Amir. a Bible scribe, said he asked police searching their home what damage the explosives found under its re-tiled mof

"If there had been any sort of fire, the entire house could have been blown sky-high. he said they answered.

Jordanian sues U.S. over blast detention

OKLAHOMA CITY (R) — The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) said on Thursday it is suing the U.S. government for \$1.9 million on behalf of an American citizen of Jordanian descent who was wrongly detained as a suspect in the Oktahoma City bombing.

fmmediately after the deadly April 19 bombing of the federal building, which claimed 168 lives, federal investigators focused on sus-pects of Middle Eastern ori-

Those early suspicions proved wrong and two Americans — Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols — have been charged with the attack. But on the day of the bomb-ing, federal officials detained Ibrahim Ahmad, a 32-year-old computer technician, who was scheduled to fly from Oklahoma city to Chicago and Rome before visiting re-

latives in Jordan. In Chicago, Mr. Ahmad, a U.S. citizen and resident of Oklahoma City for 13 years, was questioned by federal officials before he was allowed to leave the United States. In London, after officials searched his luggage and found electronic devices including a video recorder and stereo equipment, he was again questioned, handcuffed and escorted back to the United States.

Authorities at the time said Mr. Ahmad was cooperating with the investigation and willingly returned to clear his

Federal officials questioned him again in Virginia and Oklahoma City, the ACLU noted.

"My detention and mistreatment by federal authorities in Chicago, London, Virginia and Oklahoma City did not just humiliate me and traumatise my family, but the entire Arab and Muslim-American community as well." Mr. Ahmad said on Thursday at a news conference outside Oklahoma City's federal courthouse.

Family squabble behind bomb hoax on RJ flight

By Lima Nabil Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A Royal Jordanian (RJ) airliner made an emergency landing on Thursday at Iceland's Keflavik airport after receiving a bomb threat and proceeded to Chicago after a search found no bomb aboard the plane.

The Lockheed Tristar was en route from Amsterdam to Chicago with 324 passengers on board when the bomb hoax was made. More than 200 rescue workers were at Keflavik airport when the plane landed at 18,25 GMT. The passengers were

evacuated immediately and taken to the airport terminal. Bomb disposal experts scarched the plane, but no suspicious objects were found. Asked to comment on the incident. RJ's Deputy Chief Executive Officer for Public Relations Munib Touqan said

the investigation found that an American woman of Jordanian origin who wanted to delay the arrival of her mother-in-law in Chicago gave the false information.

The woman who gave her name and phone number said that her mother-in-law was carrying a bomb. Mr. Touqan said. Subsequently the woman apologised to the U.S. police, saying that she ignored international laws on aviation and added that she did not think that the false information would be taken

seriously. She also said that she did not know the extent of suffering and financial losses incurred as a result of the false information. Mr. Tougan

In a telephone interview. one of the passengers. Munir Fakhouri, said significant number of the passengers were children and that no one was hurt during the emergen-cy landing at Keflavik. Mr. Fakhouri praised the Icelandic authorities for the good treatment they offered to the passengers at Keflavik air-

International news agencies Thursday said the Icelandic authorities detained one man and two women for

Jordan in touch with Iraq and Israel over detainees

AMMAN (J.T.) -- The government is holding talks with Iraq and Israel to secure the release of Jordanians in Iraqi and Israeli jails, an official source said Friday.

The source told the Jordan Times that the government 'expects to conclude discussions with Israel on this issue very soon.

Reports from Israel say that around 40 Jordanians are being detained in Israel after infiltrated the borders with the West Bank in the last decade. The official source said

that Iraq recently provided Jordan with a list of 57 prisoners jailed in the notorious

Abu Gharib prison. We believe that 21 were released in the last pardon"

decreed by President Saddam

The source said, however, that the Ministry of Interior estimates that "over 700 Jordanians are in Iragi jails.

Hussein in the summer.

"This (number) is not a signal of worsening relations (with Iraq)," the source said. "The Iraqis have never cooperated in giving informa-tion on prisoners" in !raqi

A recent report in the Al Ra'i daily quoted the Nazareth-based Friends of the Prisoner Society as saying that 40 Jordanians were held in two Israeli jails in "very bad and harsh conditions.

The society said most of the Jordanian prisoners were held at Ashkelon prison and the rest at Atleet and that they are not allowed to mix with Palestinian inmates.

Dane renews NATO bid after Lubbers quits race

PARIS (AFP) - Former new NATO head should Danish Foreign Minister Uffe come from a member of the Ellemann-Jensen is to visit Western European Union, Paris Monday for talks which could be erucial in the race for NATO chief as the only other candidate. ex-Dutch Premier Ruud Lubbers, has withdrawn.

Mr. Ellemann-Jensen, whose visit was scheduled before Mr. Lubbers announced Friday that he was pulling out, is expected to press his candidacy for NATO secretary-general with French leaders who until now

have clearly opposed him. Until Friday, Mr. Lubbers was the clear favourite for the job. His withdrawal due to U.S. opposition leaves Ellemann-Jensen as the most

serious alternative. Paris has until now made it clear it opposes the Dane's candidacy for three reasons: in particular it believes the

It has also stressed the

need for whoever takes over the alliance to have fluent French, which Mr. Ellemann-Jensen does not. Paris is also believed to be infuriated by Denmark's high-profile cam-paign to French nuclear tests.

Foreign ministry spokesman Jacques Rumm elhardt confirmed Friday that Mr. Ellemann-Jensen will hold talks with Foreign Minister Herve de Charette on Mon-

day. He said the Dane "had asked to be received." adding: "It is courteous to receive him. "Speaking shortly before the announcement in the Hague of Mr. Lubbers' withdrawal, he said the Dutchman appeared to be "a very good candidate."

Arab-Americans lobby Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) -President Bill Clinton told a private meeting of Arab Americans he is interested in getting humanitarian aid to Iraqi civitians if it would not help the government of Saddam Hussein.

Another condition would be that private humanitarian aid to shortage-plagued Iraq not undermine compliance with U.N. Security Council embargo resolutions, said James Zogby, reporting on an hour-long White House meeting late Thursday.

Dr. Zogby, president of the Arab American Institute, said in an interview a score of prominent Arab Americans raised their concerns with Mr. Clinton, Vice-President Al Gore and administration aides. The delegation included Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, Mayor Lee Namey, broadcaster Casey Kasem and formcr Representtive Mary Rose Oakar of Ohio.

The White House talks highlighted a three-day lead-ership conference that Dr. Zogby said marks a milestone in the growth of Arab-American politial influence

and empowerment promoted by the non-profit, bipartisan institute he founded 10 years The White House did not

comment on Thursday's

meeting, which appeared on Mr. Clinton's public appoint-

ment schedule, except to de-

scribe it as private.

During the meeting Mr. Clinton also reaffirmed his commitment to implementation of the peace process and its timetable for Israeli troop withdrawals, Dr. Zogby said.

The delegation voiced con-

cern to Mr. Clinton about investor uncertainty generated by the possibility that Israel at some point might again close access to the West Bank, he added. Dr. Zogby quoted Mr. Clinton as being willing "to take another look" at ending

the ban on U.S. travel to

Lebanon, where many Arab

American families origin-On U.S. domestic issues. Mr. Clinton shared the delegation's concern that welfare reform not penalise "defenceless groups" such as legal immigrants, Dr. Zogby said. The president also heard delegates criticise negative stereotypes and rhetorie occasionally levelled against Arab Americans, Dr.

Zogby said.

During the day, Mr. Gore,
Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shaiala, Democratic National Committee Chair Don Fowler and 20 members of Congress of both parties addressed or greeted more than 100 delegates attending the conference from across the United States.

Pat Buchanan, a candidate nantly Muslim.

for the 1996 Republican presidential nomination, was scheduled to appear Friday, followed by a forum on next year's election.

Many Arab American delegates applauded speeches by Mr. Brown and lawmakers praising the Arab-Israeli peace process and the participation of Arab government leaders in Jerusalem at the funeral of assassinated Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak

They also applauded the House of Representatives number two Democrat, Representation David E. Bontor of Michigan, who opposed as a bad idea. Republican-sponsored legislation aimed at forcing the U.S. embassy to move from Tet Aviv to Jerusalem before final settlement of Jerusalem's status. Ms. Shalala, the first Arab American member of president's cabinet, earlier attacked Republican-led efforts to transfer spending authority

from federal to state govern-She suggested that decentralisation would undermine the principle that in America "no senior citizen should be without health care, no child goes hungry."

A large majority of the estimated 2.5 million Arab Americans are Christian, Dr. Zogby said, while the Arab World as a whole is predomi-



Chilean soprano suspected of murder, attempting

suicide

BERLIN (AP) — Chilean soprano Gabriela Lehmann, found wandering the streets with slashed wrists after allegedly stabbing to death her landlady last month, remains unable to submit to interrogation, a diplomat said. Ms. Leh-mann, 39, was studying German on a fellowship at the Goethe Institute and bad rented a room several months ago from Elisabeth Werner, 51. According to newspaper reports, the two had bitter disputes lately. Ms. Werner, a social worker, was found dead in her apartment in west Berlin's Tempelbof district on the night of Oct. 25 after colleagues reported she had not come to work. Police immediately began searching for Ms. Lehmann and gave her picture to the news media. Passersby found the Chilean, whose credits include performances at the National Theatre in Santiago, in the early morning hours of Oct. 26 in a neighbouring district. She was disoriented, had no identification and had deep cuts on her wrists. Ms. Lehmann was taken to a hospital, where staff recognised her from newspaper photographs and called police. "It is assumed, from the condition the woman was found in, that she was the murderer," said Ruediger Reiff, a Berlin Justice Ministry spokesman. He said he did not have details on how Ms. Werner was killed, other than that she was stabbed to death. A judge ordered Ms. Lehmann held on suspicion of murder on Oct. 27 and she bas been confined since Nov. 3 to a psychiatric hospital, he

Anabolic steroid abuse may lead to cancer — doctors

LONDON (R) — Abuse of anabolic steroids by bodybuilders may lead to cancer of the kidney, a group of British doctors said Friday. In an article in the medical journal, The Lancet, the doctors from Stockport and Blackpnol in northern England cited the cases of two 26-year-old bodybuilders whom they had found to be suffering from the ailment. They said that renal earcinomas are unusual in people under 30. The common factor in the two cases was that both men had taken steroids one for six years, the other for 20 months. "Bodybuilders take anabolic steroids in doses many

times those required for therapeutic androgen (male sex hormone) replacement leading to cyclical changes in the bormonal milieu, the doctors wrote. "Out cases suggest a direct cancer-inducing effect of ana-bolic steroid abuse on the kidney," they said. In a statement, The Lancet commented: Bodybuilders are already known to suffer from heart disease and impotence when they take steroids now, it seems they may be at risk from cancer too."

Grave news for overseas Chinese

BELIING (AFP) - The increasing number of overseas Chinese choosing to be buried in their homeland has forced the government here to limit the construction of luxury cemeteries in order to preserve valuable arable land. The Ministry of Civil Affairs has ordered local authorities to tighten control over new fee-paying public cemeteries on the outskirts of cities, especially luxury burish grounds, which boast large mausoleums, and are built with overseas funds, the China Daily said Friday.

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